The Glocalisation of Christianity in China
An international conference organised and supported by the Centre for Chinese Studies and the Department of Religions and Theology
University of Manchester
14-16 May 2014

Wednesday 14 May
John Rylands Library, Deansgate

3:30pm
Delegates gather at the lobby of Ibis hotel for transfer to the John Rylands Library in Deansgate, where the keynote event will take place.

4pm
Drinks reception and special exhibition of mission-related sources from the Chinese Collection at John Rylands Library.

4:45-6pm:
Keynote speech followed by Q&A.
'Multiple Meanings of Multiple Christianities: New Agendas for Research in a Polysemic Chinese Religious Field’. Professor Richard Madsen, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of California, San Diego.

Thursday 15 May
University Place 5.212

8:40am
Delegates gather at the lobby of Ibis hotel for walk to the conference venue.

9-10:30am
Panel 1: Memory and Identity: Commemorating China’s Christian Pasts
Chair: Dr Thomas Harvey, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies

3. ‘Ancestors, Faith and Identity: Remembering Christian Heritage in Contemporary Southern Fujian’ (Chris White, Xiamen University).

10:30-11am: Tea Break

11-12:30pm
Panel 2: Translation and Localisation in Late Qing China
Chair: Dr James St. André, Centre for Chinese Studies, University of Manchester

4. ‘Satan or Usurper: On Robert Morrison’s and Karl Gützlaff’s Writings on Napoleon in Chinese and Their Influence’ (Cui Wendong, Chinese University of Hong Kong).
5. ‘From Vernacularisation to Localisation: The Theology and Religious Culture of the Taipings’ (Carl Kilcourse, University of Manchester).
6. ‘Attempts and Experiences in “Indigenising” the Sacred Scripture in China’ (Monica Romero, Sapienza University of Rome).

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch

1:30-3pm
Panel 3: Chinese Christianities in the Early Republican Era
Chair: Prof. Peter T. M. Ng, China Victory Theological Seminary

7. ‘From Foreign Devil Religion to Chinese Christianity: The Preaching of Wang Mingdao, the Testimonies of John Sung and a Hymn of the Jesus Family’ (Thomas Harvey, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies).
8. ‘The Christ-Human and Jia Yuming’s Doctrine of Sanctification: A Case Study in the Confucianization of Chinese Fundamentalist Christianity’ (Wai Luen Kwok, Hong Kong Baptist University).
9. ‘The Injection of Pentecostalism into China, 1907-1917’ (J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University).

3:30-5pm
Panel 4: Embodying ‘Chineseness’: Christian Institutions in Republican China
Chair: Dr Kevin Ward, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Leeds

10. ‘The Glocalization of the Catholic Church in the Context of Higher Education in Republican China’ (Cindy Yik-yi Chu, Hong Kong Baptist University).
11. ‘Institutional Indigenization of Bible Work in China: A Study focusing on the China Bible House’ (George Kam Wah Mak, Hong Kong Baptist University).

3:30-7:30: Conference dinner

Friday 16 May
University Place 5.204

9-10:30am
Panel 5: Chinese Contextual Theology in the Twentieth Century
Chair: Prof. Peter Scott, Department of Religions & Theology, University of Manchester

13. ‘The Role of Union Theological Seminary (NY) in the Indigenisation of Christianity in Republican China’ (Christopher Sneller, King’s College London).
15. ‘Contextual Theology in Contemporary Chinese Christianity: Cases from the “Official” Protestant Church in China’ (Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong).

10:30-11am: Tea Break

11-12:30pm
Panel 6: Churches and Christian Identities in Post-Mao China
Chair: Dr Scott Pacey, Department of Religions & Theology, University of Manchester

16. ‘The Quest of Composure through the Lens of House Churches in Shanghai’ (Ting Guo, University of Edinburgh)
17. ‘Christian Music and Chinese Christianity in the Post-Mao Era: A Case Study of the Music Worship of Shanghai Community Church’ (Chen Ruiwen, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
18. ‘Urban and Rural Christians in Linyi, Shandong’ (Jie Kang, University of Leipzig).

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch

1:30-3pm
Panel 7: Glocal Agency: Mission Work in Contemporary China
Chair: Dr William Schroeder, Centre for Chinese Studies, University of Manchester

19. ‘Proselytization Incognito: The Continued Presence of American Missionaries in Contemporary China’ (Beau James, University of Arizona).

3-3:30pm: Tea Break

3:30-4:30pm
Panel 8: A Changing Religion in a Changing World
Chair: Dr Yangwen Zheng, Centre for Chinese Studies and Department of History, University of Manchester

22. ‘The Development of Indigenous Christianity in China: From Mid-19th Century to 1949’ (Peter T. M. Ng, China Victory Theological Seminary).
23. ‘The Development of Indigenous Theology: An Exploration of “Hexie shengxue”’ (Dennis T. W. Ng, China Victory Theological Seminary).

4:30-5pm
Roundtable discussion