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Anthropology

God, Jesus and the Ancestors: An Ethnography of the Ancestors' Rites in the Taiwanese Catholic Church / Marco Lazzarotti
Heidelberg: HASP-Heidelberg Asian Studies Publishing, 2023
xiv, 130p.
Includes Bibliography
9783948791650
EUR 24.90 / PB
234gm.

In this book the author describes the Ancestors Ceremonies as practiced in the Taiwanese Catholic Church. The author's point is to demonstrate how the Chinese symbolic universe made a deep translation of the "new" symbolic system represented by the Catholic doctrine. At the same time the effort of the Catholic Church in order to adapt the Gospel message to the local situation built up a particular phenomenon that the author defined as cultural dialogue. It is this dialogic relationship the process that the author defines as Culture.

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Economics/Development Studies

Modernization of China's Agricultural Production Organizations / Yang Cao (Translators)
Muing Dong & Xue Li (Series Ed) Fan Gang
Series on Chinese Economics Research: Volume 25
Singapore: World Scientific, 2023
xviii, 542p.
Includes Index
ISSN: 2251-1644; 9789811242267
1. Agriculture – Economic aspects – China.
2. Agriculture, Cooperative – China.
\$ 195.00 / HB
920gm.

This book constructs a new theoretical framework for understanding contemporary Chinese agricultural production organizations from the perspective of promoting farmers' realization of "substantial freedom" and "feasible ability". The new theoretical framework deepens and expands the theory of agricultural modernization and production organizations. The book discusses the "multi-symbiosis" pattern of agricultural production organizations in contemporary China from macro and micro economics perspectives. Based on the peasant household economy, this multi-symbiosis organizational structure co-exists and interweaves with various forms of economic organizations. The book points out that this multi-symbiosis organizational

structure is the result of free choice of the majority of farmers since the "reform" and "opening-up"; in turn, it also provides a broader organizational and institutional space for farmers' diversified choices. The book predicts that China's agricultural production organization networking will gradually move towards networking based on diversification and also form networked organization groups.

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History

From Changan to Nālandā: The Life and Legacy of the Chinese Buddhist Monk Xuanzang (602?-664) : Proceedings of the First International Conference on Xuanzang and Silk Road Culture / (Ed) Shi Ciguang (et al.)

Singapore: World Scholastic Publishers, 2020
532p.

Includes Bibliography

English & Chinese Languages

9789811461859

1. Xuanzang approximately 596-664.
2. Buddhist monks – China – Biography.

\$ 75.00 / PB

898gm.

Xuanzang was a unique figure in Chinese history who was able to have a profound impact on monks and lay followers, the elite and the general public, the bureaucracy and the common people, the entire East Asian and South Asian world, and the history and reality of the seventh century onward. In the monastic world, he was a once-in-a-millennium monk who was not only extremely learned but also a devoted practitioner, thus inspiring generations of monks from all over the world. For lay people, even if they were not Buddhists, Xuanzang's character was worthy of study. In terms of academic significance, Xuanzang's outstanding translation achievements, his faithful introduction and profound understanding of the latest ideas in Indian Buddhism and logic, and his founding of the widely influential Yogācāra school have been well established in past academic studies. In folklore, he had been gradually sanctified since the day of his death, and eventually evolved into numerous legends until he became a household name with the image of the Tang monk in Journey to the West. During his lifetime, Xuanzang was worshipped by emperors and dignitaries, and since his death, he has become an object of worship for thousands of people. But even so, there are still many enigmas surrounding this remarkable figure who lived more than fourteen hundred years ago that remain to be studied.

Therefore, from August 16–19, 2018, we held the First International Conference on Xuanzang and Silk Road Culture. Soon after the conference, we collected meticulously drafted papers by some of the participants and published them in both Chinese and English. A total of thirteen papers in English are included in these proceedings, which are just one part of this conference's achievements.

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Production and Preservation of Buddhist Manuscripts in Central and East Asia / Sainbileg Byambadorj (et al.) (Eds) Ru ZHAN, Jinhua CHEN & Yun JI

Singapore: World Scholastic Publishers, 2020

x, 426p.

English & Chinese Languages

9789811495755

Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies, Volume No. I

\$ 75.00/ PB
732gm.

The discovery of the cache of manuscripts and other materials in cave seventeen of the Mogao Grottoes, near Dunhuang in western China, early last century has kindled the new field of the study of Central and East Asian Buddhist manuscripts. Discoveries in Japan late last century of twelfth-century copies of much earlier manuscripts, in addition to the treasury of documents preserved in the Shōsōin (Shōgozō), and at sites in Korea, Chinese Central Asia, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, compel scholars to reconsider not only how we think about the transmission of Buddhist literature and religious teachings, but also the production and preservation of Buddhist texts and books across a broad geographical and chronological span. All of this once again demonstrates the importance of the study of Buddhist manuscripts.

It is precisely because of the significance of Buddhist manuscripts that an international conference entitled 'Production and Preservation of Buddhist Manuscripts in Central and East Asia' was held at the University of Cambridge, UK, from August 29–31, 2018.

The conference brought together experts and scholars from various countries in the fields of Buddhist philology, Buddhist history, art history, and archaeology. During the three days of the conference, scholars discussed in depth the topics of 'The Integration of the Teachings found in the manuscripts', 'The Migration of the manuscripts', 'The Materiality of the manuscripts', and 'epigraphical materials and manuscripts'. We now compile this collection of eleven papers in English based on the papers presented by scholars in this conference, with slight amendments.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845362>

Tones from the Stones: Production, Preservation and Perusal of Buddhist Epigraphy in Central and East Asia / Stephanie Balkwill (et al.) (Eds) Ru ZHAN, Jinhua CHEN & Yun JI
Singapore: World Scholastic Publishers, 2020
xx, 380p.

Includes Bibliography
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Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies, Volume No. II
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668gm.

Buddhism originated in India, but due to the emphasis on oral transmission in the Indian religious environment and the unique Indian conception of history distinct from that in China, it is often difficult to arrive at a precise historical understanding of key figures and events. Facing this challenge, inscriptions and other archaeological sources prove their irreplaceable value. Among the inscriptions discovered in the Indian subcontinent, a great many are related to Buddhism, the study of which has provided the foundation for studying the history, philosophy, society and various other aspects of Indian and South Asian Buddhism.

Our situation ameliorates when it comes to the study of Chinese history because, by and large, Chinese culture values written records and, unlike India, used to have a 'culture of court historians'. But even then, inscriptions still play a fundamental role in various fields of Buddhist Studies; Buddhist inscriptions have been amply studied by international scholars, with numerous important outcomes already published.

Motivated by the above considerations, we hosted from August 20th to 21st, 2019, a conference titled 'Manufacturing, Preservation and Interpretation of Buddhist Metal and Stone Epitaphs in Central and East Asia' at St Anne's College at the University of Oxford, in our efforts to promote the academic research of Buddhist inscriptions. In this conference,

twenty-two scholars from Europe, North America, and East Asia engaged in fruitful exchange of such disciplines as archaeology, history and sociology. We have collected and edited twelve of the conference papers and published them in this collection.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845365>

Transmission of Buddhism in Asia and Beyond: Essays in Memory of Antonino Forte (1940–2006) / T. H. Barret (et al.) (Ed) Jinhua Chen
Singapore: World Scholastic Publishers, 2022

xxxvi, 616p.

Includes Bibliography

9789811844249

Hualin Series on Buddhist Studies, Volume No. IV

\$ 85.00 / HB

1252gm.

In commemoration of Antonino Forte, whose work constitutes a major contribution to the study of Buddhism in medieval China and Japan, the religions of the Silk Road, and East Asian art and archaeology, from July 4 to July 6, 2021, the fifteenth anniversary of his passing, a series of international conferences was jointly held by the Glorison Global Network, the University of British Columbia's (UBC) 'From the Ground Up: Buddhism and East Asian Religions' (FROGBEAR)' project (<https://frogbear.org>), the University of Naples 'L'Orientale' (his alma mater), the Italian School of East Asian Studies in Kyoto, Princeton University, and Geumgang University 金剛大學 in South Korea. The first conference, titled 'The Transmission of Buddhism in Asia and Beyond,' was co-organized by the UBC-based FROGBEAR Project and Princeton University, and covered a variety of areas in which Forte conducted research, including Dunhuang studies, the translation of Buddhist scriptures, textual and historical research methodologies, Buddhist institutions, and Buddhist archaeology. Most of the twelve essays collected in this volume were originally presented at this conference.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845367>

Chinese Transformation of Buddhism and Crossborder Transmission of Buddhism: Pan-Asian Spread of Tiantai/Ch'önt'ae/Tendai Texts, Ideas and Practices and Its Position in East Asian Society / T. H. Barret (et al.) (Ed) Jing Yue, Jinhua Chen & Song Wang

Singapore: World Scholastic Publishers, 2022

x, 614p.

Includes Bibliography

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Series on Famed Mountains and Great Monasteries III

\$ 75.00 / HB

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This is Volume III of the FROGBEAR Series on Famed Mountains and Great Temples. Sacred space is an essential component of any religious tradition and especially significant for transcultural religions such as Buddhism. It is hard to exaggerate the importance of holy sites in Buddhist history. While the far-reaching and widespread significance of Buddhist sacred territories has attracted the attention of scholars from various disciplines, there remains much work to be done both on specific locales of practice and interpretative strategies for understanding sacred sites in medieval China generally. This book series proposes to fill this scholarly gap through the collaborative and in-depth studies of 'famed mountains and great temples' (mingshan dasi 名山大寺), territories of exceptional importance in China and, in many cases, throughout the whole of East Asia.

This volume collects 16 of the over 40 papers presented to the International Symposium of Tiantai Studies under the theme of 'From Tiantai to Hiei: Transborder and Transcultural Spread of Tiantai/Chontae/Tendai Buddhism & East Asian Societies,' held in the winter of December 2019 at Peking University, hosted by the Center for Buddhist Studies at Peking University 北京大學佛教研究中心, sponsored by the Cultural Exchange Center of Mount Tiantai 天台山文化交流中心 and co-organized by the UBC FROGBEAR project. The conference was arguably the single most important conference on Tiantai/Chontae/Tendai Buddhism since the Tendai Congress at Mount Hiei in 1997. It showcases some of the most remarkable work on the subject over the past few decades.

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Sino-Vatican Diplomatic Relations: The Vatican Relations with Both Sides of the Strait [1912-1978] / Alexandre Tsung-Ming Chen (Translator) Sebastian Hsien-hao Liao
Leuven, Belgium: Ferdinand Verbiest Institute KU Leuven, 2022
472p. ; illustrations ; 25cm.

Includes Index
9789492768087

Leuven Chinese Studies Series: LCS XLII (42)

\$ 90.00 / PB

844gm.

The relations between the Vatican and the two regimes each on one side of the Taiwan Strait evolve through ups and downs in close connection with geopolitical and ecclesial developments in the region. The changing relations not only triggered concern from all related parties but also prompted numerous debates in the international media. The growing attention paid to this issue from different individuals, institutions, and governments indicate that the ebb and flow of the relations among the trio actors - PRC, ROC, and the Vatican - have overflowed beyond the spiritual sphere and well into the political and diplomatic domains. This situation, resultant from the nature and application of the Holy See's diplomacy, remains an underexplored subject due to past approaches being often single-dimensioned which shied away from international politics.

Integrating the perspective of international politics and the spiritual concerns of the Church, this study focuses on the Sino-Vatican relations from 1912, the year the Republic was founded, through 1978, the year the pontificate of John-Paul I ended. In order to present a fuller and more comprehensive picture than previous studies of how the Vatican and the "Chinese" governments interacted with one another at different stages of this period as well as how other concerned governments and people reacted to contemporary developments, the author combed through official archives in various places, including the Vatican, Taiwan, France, and Belgium, and collected a plethora of material in multiple languages, including Chinese, English, French, Italian, and Latin, that would shed light on the Vatican's foreign policy. The book aims to analyze the Vatican's position toward the divided rule in the land called China during that period by highlighting the important topics through accessible vocabulary and unpretentious arguments in hope that it can be of interest both to the general public and scholars in other fields. This study is a rare achievement in Chinese Catholic Studies in that it has combined a global perspective and a microscopic view in investigating the complex dynamic between the Vatican and the different "Chinese" governments, thereby parsing many hitherto underexplored knotty issues.

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Life, Thought and Image of Wang Zheng: A Confucian-Christian In Late Ming China / Ding Ruizhong

Leuven, Belgium: Ferdinand Verbiest Institute KU Leuven, 2022

340p.

Includes Bibliography
9789492768100
Leuven Chinese Studies Series: LCS XLIII (43)
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In late Ming China, Jesuit missionaries brought the Christian gospel into the Chinese Empire. Some Confucian literati, motivated by reforming the country, accepted Christian doctrine, and are generally termed "Confucian-Christians".

In order to fully understand the dialogue between the two civilizations, this research explores the life, thought and image of Wang Zheng 王徵 (1571-1644), a Confucian-Christian from Shaanxi in the inland of China. Wang Zheng's life and image are discussed in the text, from which we can grasp the theme of the key-part of this book: His thoughts. The second part describes Wang Zheng's thoughts – Revering Heaven and Caring for Human Beings, an integration of Confucian teachings and Christian doctrines. Wang Zheng used the Confucian concept of love—Ren ai 仁愛 to interpret the Christian doctrines of loving God and loving others as yourself. He planted new contents into the Confucian concept of love. This coherent system of thought consists of three parts, i.e. knowing the Lord of Heaven, revering the Lord of Heaven and serving the Lord of Heaven.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845396>

The Imperial Library of the Northern Song : A Complete Translation of the Lintai gushi (canben) 麟台故事 (殘本) by Cheng Ju 程俱 (1078-1144) / Johannes L. Kurz
Heidelberg, Germany: Cross-Asia-eBooks, 2021
xxvi, 166p.

Includes Index
English & Chinese Languages
9783948791117
\$ 50.00 / PB
312gm.

The present text is a translation of the Lintai gushi by Cheng Ju, a book that deals with the imperial book collections under the Northern Song. The library collections of the early Northern Song were created from scratch, only to be partially destroyed again in the disastrous fire of 1015 and during the shift of the capital from Kaifeng to Hangzhou. Cheng Ju's Lintai gushi is the oldest surviving source of information on the Northern Song (960-1126) imperial libraries. The Lintai gushi bears witness to the various activities undertaken to rebuild comprehensive book collections and thus to fill the gap in the history of imperial Song libraries.

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Official Publications

China Commerce Yearbook 2022 / The Editorial Board of China Commerce Yearbook
Beijing: China Commerce Yearbook, Ministry of Commerce, 2022

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\$ 225.00 / HB
162gm.

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China Statistical Yearbook 2023 = 中国统计年鉴 2023 (With CD-Rom) / National Bureau of Statistics of China

Beijing: China Statistics Press, 2023

42nd Edition

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China: China Financial & Economic Publishing House, 2022

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English & Chinese Languages

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2022 China Energy Statistical Yearbook / (Ed-in-Chief) Hu Hanzhou

Beijing: China Statistics Press Co., Ltd., 2023

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English & Chinese Languages

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\$ 90.00 / HB

836gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845611>

Politics/Current Affairs

China Change and Confucian "Benevolence" : Human Values, Truth and Policy / Ronald Colin Keith (Series Eds) Joseph Fewsmith & Zheng Yong-Nian

Singapore: World Scientific, 2023

xxviii, 608p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references.

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Series on Contemporary China: Volume 50

1. Communism – Social aspects – China.
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\$ 225.00 / HB

1020gm.

Henry Kissinger observed, "Everybody wants to be a China hawk." China is a bully. China is Nazi Germany. China commits genocide. China disrupts the "international rules-based order." Responding to such uninformed generalization on the nature of China's regime and

its lack of human values, the Western Liberal Democracies have created their own "China Problem" by clinging to Cold War anachronism. The clash of values is not nearly as deep and extensive as is often claimed. Furthermore, the contemporary public discourse on China needs a complete assessment of the values that have emerged in Xi Jinping's China. Xi is regarded as "red" like Mao. Xi, however, has abandoned Mao's view of class struggle and his notion of a "rejuvenated China" embraces traditional core principles that Mao bitterly condemned. "Ren", or "benevolence", for example, now informs entwined domestic and foreign policy as "moderate prosperity in all respects". "Ren", or "benevolence" is aligned with "common security" and "common development". The question is whether this is a positive restoration of traditional values that will contribute to domestic development and international peace, or restorationist Middle-Kingdom-ism designed to assert Chinese values worldwide. This book's analysis of Chinese values argues that the current interpretation of the "China Threat" is predicated in a serious misunderstanding of Chinese values. It is often commented that China is "the defining geopolitical issues of our time". This book is an especially timely contribution to the currently limited public policy debate on China as a threat to Western values and the "international rules-based system". Correction is long overdue with reference to speculative assumptions that Xi Jinping's regime represents a return to Mao's regime. "Socialism with Chinese characteristics" has significantly moved on under Xi's leadership. Hyperbole about China has presumed the continuation of Chinese Cold War ideology and has either lightly commented on, or ignored altogether the resurgence of core traditional ideas in Chinese policy formation. This book provides detailed research of "Xi Jinping Thought" and "Xi Jinping Diplomatic Thought". It adopts a widely construed, but serious interdisciplinary, approach towards the "China Problem", drawing on both the social sciences and humanities. This wide-angled approach includes "new sinology" in its recent review of "translated China", synthesizing tradition and culture with the development of modern Chinese ideology, politics and policy formation. The book's significant topicality is presented within an unconventional approach and formatted contents designed to reach out to the biggest circle of general and advanced, China-interested readers in the time of great debate.

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