

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Today we present to you the May 2023 issue of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中國宗教評論) – the second issue this year.

We continue with the regular series of News Updates on recent events and general trends with regard to religions and especially Christianity in today's China.

Katharina Wenzel-Teuber has again compiled “Statistics on Religions and Churches in the People's Republic of China” with an “Update for the Year 2022.” This year, she first focuses on traditional folk beliefs which are not officially counted as religion but are now partly tolerated and sometimes even encouraged by the authorities. For Buddhism, there are findings from a survey of Buddhist students on the compatibility of faith and “real” life, for Islam there are figures on “Muslim cultural heritage.”

Professor He Guanghu 何光沪, Prof. em. at Renmin University of China, is an outstanding representative of research on Christianity in China. In a preface to the forth-coming book by Tseng Shaokai 曾劭愷 (ed.), *Wenhua xuanjiao* 文化宣教 (“Cultural Mission”), Jidujiao wenyi chubanshe 基督教文艺出版社, Taiwan (planned for summer 2023), Prof. He offers insightful observations and profound suggestions for the possible inspiration of the Christian faith for the China today, addressing especially the levels of culture, morals, and politics.

Dr. Barbara Hoster, Monumenta Serica Institute in Sankt Augustin, in her article “How Did the Rabbit Get on the Moon? Notes for the Year of the Rabbit” gives interesting insights into the rabbit in Chinese mythology and folklore.

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