

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Today we are happy to present to you the forth issue 2016 of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中国宗教评论).

This number includes as usual the regular series of News Updates on recent events and general trends with regard to religions and especially Christianity in today's China.

In her article, "The State Council Publishes a Draft Revision of the 'Regulations on Religious Affairs'" Katharina Wenzel-Teuber, China-Zentrum, points out some of the numerous, planned changes of these basic administrative legal norms for the State's dealings with religions. Many commentators outside China regard the main objective of the draft revision as stronger control of the religions. It remains to be seen whether the revised Regulations will be adopted in their current form.

In this issue we furthermore conclude the publication of the proceedings of the 9th European Catholic China Colloquium on "Challenges of Evangelisation – China and Europe," from 10–13 September 2015 in Konstancin/Warsaw, Poland with the contribution of Prof. Dr. Fredrik Fällman (Senior lecturer for Chinese at the Department of Languages & Literatures at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden): "Evangelisation in the Protestant Church in China – Reflections of a Western Sinologist." With vivid examples he shows that the rapid development of the Chinese Protestant church since the 1980s – registered or unregistered – is the result of several varying factors.

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