

Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are happy to present to you the third issue for the year 2017 of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中国宗教评论).

This number includes 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 "Invisible and Invincible: Changing Female Roles in the Chinese Protestant Church and Their Perceptions," Dr. Katrin Fiedler explores the dynamics between traditional and modern religious roles and the importance of gender differences in the ongoing growth of Christian churches in China. She also makes suggestions for a future research agenda concerning the role of women in the Chinese Protestant church.

Matteo Nicolini-Zani, a monk of the Community of Bose in Italy, in his article "The Monastery Will Be a Chinese House': The Inculturation of the Church in China from the Perspective of the History of Catholic Monasticism" gives an interesting insight into the history of the Christian monastic presence in China between the nineteenth and the twentieth century, taking the Benedictine Monastery of Xishan (Sichuan) as a case study.

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