

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

The third issue in 2019 of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中国宗教评论) contains besides the regular News Update on religions and Christianity in China three further articles:

We continue with the publication of the “Statistics on Religions and Churches in the Peoples’ Republic of China – Update for the Year 2018” by Katharina Wenzel-Teuber, with details and trends on the various numerically measurable developments in the religions of China. In this issue we publish “Part 2: Religions and Religiosity in General” with the following two aspects: “New Official Figures on the Religions in China in the White Paper on Freedom of Religious Belief”; as well as “Spatial Distribution of Registered Religious Sites in the *Atlas of Religion in China*.”

With Fr. Bernardo Cervellera’s (editor-in-chief of *AsiaNews*, Rome) article “Religious Policy in China before and after the Sino-Vatican Agreement” we start with the publication of the contributions to the 10th European Catholic China Colloquium “*Laudato Si* and Technoscience – Implications with Focus on the Church in China.” The Colloquium was organized by the China-Zentrum and took place in Siegburg/Germany from 30 August – 1 September 2019. We will publish a detailed conference report as well as further contributions in the next issues of *RCTC*.

The issue concludes with an obituary by Dr. Barbara Hoster (Monumenta Serica Institute) on Irene Eber, Louis Frieberg Professor Emeritus of East Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Senior Fellow at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute, who died in Jerusalem on 10 April at the age of 89. “With her, Sinology loses a respected researcher of Chinese intellectual history, literature and religions, especially Judaism in China and the role of the Bible in Chinese-Western cultural exchange.”

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