

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Today we present to you the first issue in 2020 of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中国宗教评论).

As usual, the issue starts with the regular News Update on religions and Christianity in China, covering the period from 23 September to 12 December 2019.

In the editorial of the last issue we had already informed you that Fr. Prof. Dr. Roman Malek SVD passed away on 29 November 2019. This issue contains an obituary dedicated to the founding director of the China-Zentrum, written by Katharina Feith (China-Zentrum) and Barbara Hoster (Monumenta Serica Institute) with the collaboration of Katharina Wenzel-Teuber (China-Zentrum).

We then continue with two more contributions of the 10th European Catholic China Colloquium “Laudato Si’ and Technoscience – Implications with Focus on the Church in China” which was organized by the China-Zentrum and took place in Siegburg/Germany from 30 August to 1 September 2019. Both contributions were part of the panel discussion of the colloquium on the topic of sinicization/inculturation. Fr. Dr. Li Jingxi, vice rector of the Catholic Seminary of Shaanxi, looks at the process of sinicization of the Catholic Church under four aspects – sinicization of theology, Church, arts and liturgy, citing many historical examples. Fr. Prof. Dr. Batairwa Kubuya Paulin SX discusses the inculturation of the Church in Taiwan against the background of its particular history and explores to what extent it can be considered “a Church at home.” Fr. Paulin is professor at the Department for Religious Studies at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei, and in November 2019 was nominated undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

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*The Editors*