

## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) was founded in 2001, at a time when global research on Asia began to gravitate toward institutions located in Asia. The year 2021 therefore marks the Institute's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the past two decades, HKIHSS has grown out of a humble beginning: we have plowed the fields and scattered the good seed, weathered many a storm, and flourished into the rich, vibrant hub of intellectual exchange that is today's HKIHSS.

Much like HKU where the Institute is hosted, we are not only steeped in a rich tradition of history and the humanities, but are also a center for learning and discovery that connects China to Asia and the rest of the world. We continue to cultivate innovative, interdisciplinary collaborations with world leaders in research, tracing mankind's footprints to different corners of the globe, observing and unveiling the kaleidoscopic world which we call home. At the Institute, we often find fresh perspectives and new ways to see, and to understand. We reexamine and redefine boundaries. We foster new thinking. We bring people closer together than ever before.

The 20<sup>th</sup>-anniversary milestone is not only an opportunity for us to reflect upon what we have endeavored to achieve thus far and celebrate, but also to look forward to times ahead: beginning in fall 2021, we will host a series of talks and keynote speeches, complemented with other commemorative events — please stay tuned for further announcements.

Of course, we are all living through unprecedented times, where most things are shrouded in an air of incertitude. But some things remain steadfast: the Institute will stay committed to investing in people and ideas, and to linking quality local academic endeavors to scholarly and professional communities worldwide. We will continue to devote ourselves to looking beyond façades, fathoming the world's deeper layers and possibilities, and beholding more beautiful blossoms produced by cross-culture pollination.



## A FIRST NEW MOVE IN 2021: OPERATION OF FAITH AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT UNDER HKIHSS

We are delighted to announce the Faith and Global Engagement program (FGE) to be operated under the Institute beginning in January 2021. First established in 2012, the FGE is strategically positioned to have significant impact on Hong Kong at this critical juncture. FGE's aim is to provide current and future leaders with informed, responsible understanding of religion, and how religion's engagement with the world can transform the social landscape. The program's mission is to associate current issues with Christian thinking through research, and to equip individuals with the potential to build flourishing communities. In short, FGE pursues research for the common good.

FGE's research plan for the next three years focuses mainly on science and religion in Asia. At the same time, the team build on other strengths of faith and value-oriented research in faith and society and character leadership. Additionally the program will pursue issues that are particularly relevant to Asia such as urban cultural development. More on FGE can be found online through this link: [www.hkihss.hku.hk/research/FGE](http://www.hkihss.hku.hk/research/FGE).

### The Team in the Institute



FGE is led by Prof. Daniel KL Chua in the Institute. Prof. Chua is the Director of FGE Executive Committee and Mr and Mrs Hung Hing-Ying Professor in the Arts and Chair Professor of Music at the University of Hong Kong. Since October 2020, he has been a joint professor at the Institute.



Mr. Steven Gaultney is the Managing Director of FGE. Prior to joining FGE, he led international churches in London for four years, Bonn for seven years and Hong Kong in the past 11 years. Previously, he was the Marketing Director for Andersen Consulting (now Accenture), an international consulting firm in Britain. Mr. Gaultney has his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Master's degree in Business from Baylor University, and is currently working on his doctorate at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Dr. Carl Hildebrand is a Research Assistant Professor who joined HKU in September 2020. He earned his DPhil in Philosophy from the University of Oxford. He has taught Philosophy in a variety of settings, including, most recently, philosophy departments at the University of the Fraser Valley and the University of Oxford. He has also taught at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government and the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine. His research engages in questions at the intersection of ethics, moral psychology, and the history of philosophy. His current project deals with the conception of moral character found in Immanuel Kant, including ideas surrounding habit, moral worth, moral education, and sympathy.



Dr. Michael Brownutt is the Institute's Fellow and Associate Director of the Faith and Science Collaborative Research Forum of FGE based in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He obtained his first Master's degree in Physics and his PhD in Experimental Quantum Mechanics from Imperial College London. Following this he moved to Innsbruck, Austria, for eight years, firstly as a post-doctoral researcher and later as an Assistant Professor. He completed his second Master's degree (MA in Theology from the University of Chester) considering how faith is understood by various parties in discourse on the relationship between Christianity and science. Dr. Brownutt also co-teaches a Common Core Course on Science and Religion with Prof. David A. Palmer in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



## NEW RESEARCH INITIATIVE: DELTA ON THE MOVE

The new initiative "Delta on the Move: The Becoming of the Greater Bay Region, 1800–2021" is a collaborative project on the historical roots and global reach of the Greater Bay Area. It builds on the Institute's research strengths cumulated in the past ten years by the cluster on urban hubs and its agenda on inter-Asian connections. The project's conveners are Dr. John Wong and Prof. Helen F. Siu (Yale University); and core members include Prof. May Bo Ching (City University of Hong Kong) and colleagues from the Institute — Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung, Dr. Li Ji, Prof. David A. Palmer, Dr. Ghassan Moazzin, and Dr. Izumi Nakayama. The team had a couple of brainstorming sessions in the summer of 2020 and two other planning meetings during the months that followed. November 2's planning meeting was joined by Prof. James Scott (Yale University).

The team will study the hybrid cultural traits at the Greater Bay Area's core (the Hong Kong–Macau–Guangzhou nexus) and the extensive maritime connections created by the human, ideational, and material flows through the region from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Events and activities pertaining to this initiative will be planned and announced shortly.





## PUBLICATIONS

### 1. Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban

#### Chinese Business History Sub-group

- ◆ Dr. Ghassan Moazzin published an article entitled “Investing in the New Republic: Multinational Banks, Political Risk, and the Chinese Revolution of 1911” in *Business History Review*, 2020, vol. 94, issue 3, 2020 pp. 507-534.
- ◆ Dr. John D. Wong published an article titled “Flexible Corporate Nationality: Transforming Cathay Pacific for the Shifting Geopolitics of Hong Kong in the Closing Decades of British Colonial Rule” in *Enterprise & Society*, 2020 pp. 1-33.

### 2. Collaborative Research Fund Projects

#### Making Modernity in East Asia: Technologies of Everyday Life, 19<sup>th</sup>– 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries

The Food Technologies sub-group of the MMEA project organized a conference in 2019. Some 17 scholars came together to explore the ways through which modernity has affected the production and reimagining of traditional food and beverage products. Three papers, presented by Prof. Eric C. Rath (Kansas University), Dr. Kyoungjin Bae (Kenyon College), and Dr. Lan A. Li (Rice University) at the conference were published under the heading of “Technology and Taste in East Asia” in *Gastronomica* (volume 20, issue 4), a leading food studies journal published by University of California Press. Visit [mmea.hku.hk/publications/](http://mmea.hku.hk/publications/) for more information.

#### Infrastructures of Faith: Religious Mobilities on the Belt and Road (BRINFAITH)

Dr. Mohammed Turki Alsudairi has published two articles:

- ◆ “Arab Encounters with Maoist China: Transnational Journeys, Diasporic Lives and Intellectual Discourses” in *Third World Quarterly*, November 2020.
- ◆ “A Near-Normalisation? Sino-Saudi Diplomatic Flirtations between 1955 and 1957,” with Tingyi Wang, in *Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies*, November 2020.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES)

### 1. Delta on the Move Webinar Series

The Institute’s new “Delta on the Move” research initiative is starting a new series of talks in 2021. It will bring together a global array of scholars who study the historical development of the Greater Bay Area. The speaker series is designed to both bring possible future collaborators for the research initiative to the Institute and introduce cutting edge research on the historical development of the Greater Bay Area to a wider audience.

February 26: Dr. Philip Thai (Northeastern University), “Vice City: Hong Kong in the Anglo-American War on Drugs, 1970–1979” (co-organized with the Chinese Business History Sub-group)

April 14: Dr. George Mak (HKBU), “Spreading the Word of God in Wartime China: The China Bible House in the Second Sino-Japanese War” (cross-listed in the Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series)

May 19: Dr. Zhou Taomo (Nanyang Technological University), “‘Use Hong Kong to Construct Bao’an’: Shenzhen during the Mao Era and the Origins of China’s Reform and Opening’



## 2. Chinese Business History Webinar Series

The Chinese Business History sub-group holds a monthly Chinese Business History Webinar Series featuring the latest research on the history of Chinese business and entrepreneurship. Six talks will be held in the coming months. Details on the individual talks will be announced soon.

January 29: Prof. Thomas D. DuBois (Beijing Normal University), "Milk from the Butterfly Spring: State and Enterprise in the Yunnan Dairy Industry"

April 23: Prof. C. Pat Giersch (Wellesley College), "Corporate Conquests: Business, the State, and the Origins of Ethnic Inequality in Southwest China"

February 26: Dr. Philip Thai (Northeastern University), "Vice City: Hong Kong in the Anglo-American War on Drugs, 1970–1979" (co-organized with the Delta on the Move Cluster)

May 21: Dr. Wang Luman (University of Massachusetts, Boston), "Chinese Hinterland Capitalism and Shanxi Piaohao: Banking, State, and Family, 1720–1910"

March 26: Dr. Yuan Yi (Columbia University), "Industrial Craft: A Global History of Chinese Cotton Mills, 1887–1937"

June 18: Dr. Zeng Zhaojin (Duke Kunshan University), "Factories and China's Special Century"

**Chinese Business History**   
**Webinar**

## 3. Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series

The Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series provides a platform for scholars to share their ongoing research projects with HKU colleagues and students. Nine talks will be organized in the spring semester. Details of each talk will be announced soon.

January 26: Dr. Chen Li (China Studies, CUHK), "Hybrid Regulatory Regime in Turbulent Times: The Role of the State in China's Stock Market Crisis in 2015–2016"

February 9: Dr. Daniel Poch (Japanese Studies, HKU), "From Edo to Sōseki: Emotion, Desire, and the Making of the Novel in Nineteenth-Century Japan"

February 23: Dr. Leilah Vevaina (Anthropology, CUHK), "Of Faith and Fortune: Perpetual Trusts and the *Mukṭad* Ceremonies"

March 9: Dr. Pete Millwood (Society of Fellows in Humanities, HKU), "A Source of Vernacular Knowledge or a Final Frontier for Globalized Science? American and Chinese Discourses on Science in the People's Republic of China, 1971–1978"

March 23: Dr. Laura Meek (Centre for Humanities and Medicine, HKU), "The Grammar of Leprosy: Temporal Politics & An Impossible Subject"

April 13: Dr. George Mak (Religion and Philosophy, HKBU), "Spreading the Word of God in Wartime China: The China Bible House in the Second Sino-Japanese War" (cross-listed in the Delta on the Move Webinar Series)

April 27: Dr. Scott Trigg (Society of Fellows in Humanities, HKU), "Visualizing the configuration (hay'a): Thinking with Images in Islamic Astronomical Manuscripts"

May 4: Dr. Mohammed Al-Sudairi (HKIHSS, HKU), "The Daoist-Marxist Monk of Iraq: On the Life and Thought of Hadi al-'Alawi"

May 18: Dr. Timothy Gitzen (Society of Fellows in Humanities, HKU), "On Aliveness: Viruses, Evolution, Life"

## 4. “Making Modernity in East Asia: Technologies of Everyday Life, 19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> Centuries”

### Making Modernity in East Asia Lecture Series

The team has invited four local and overseas experts to give talks in the coming spring on topics related to technologies of everyday life in this spring, such as “Chinese electrical and electronics industries in the late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century” by Dr. Ghassan Moazzin (HKU), February 4; “Chinese agricultural science and politics” by Prof. Sigrid Schmalzer (University of Massachusetts Amherst), March 3; “buffalo milk production in Guangdong Province” by Dr. Veronica Mak (Hong Kong Shue Yan University), March 8; and “Coal resources and mining technologies in East Asia” by Dr. Victor Seow (Harvard University), May 20. Details on each talk will be announced shortly. Stay tuned.



<https://mmea.hku.hk/>

### Sub-project Workshop “Food Making: State and Technoscience in Modern East Asia, 19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> Centuries” (February 2021)

Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung and Dr. Izumi Nakayama have invited 10 scholars from the United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, and Hong Kong to the workshop. The meeting will discuss the (changing) role of the East Asian state (imperial state, colonial state, post-colonial state, socialist state etc.) in the history of food making, consumption, and circulation. Also to be explored during the workshop are aspects of food technoscience — making, transforming, preserving, marketing, circulating, etc. — in the modern period (19<sup>th</sup> century to the present), as deployed by East Asian states or entrepreneurs targeting changing local, regional, and global markets.

### AAS Virtual Annual Conference (March 25–28, 2021)

Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung, together with Project Collaborators—Dr. Izumi Nakayama, Dr. Max Hirsh, Prof. Suzanne Gottschang, and Prof. Kuo Wen-Hua, will organize a roundtable panel entitled “Technologies of Everyday Life: Insights from a Collaborative Research Project on the Making of Modern East Asia” in the 2021 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. The team will discuss preliminary findings of their respective projects to illustrate the strengths and opportunities of this collaborative undertaking as well as the cross-disciplinary and methodological challenges that they have encountered along the way.



#### Roundtable Panel Schedule:

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm EDT

Another Project Collaborator, Dr. Hallam Stevens, will also give a presentation on “Soy Sauce and Industrial Food Production in Singapore” at the Panel Session “The Making of a Good Meal: How Asian Diets Reflecting Shifting Political and Commercial Priorities” organized by Dr. John D. Wong on March 22.



#### Panel Schedule:

Monday, March 22, 2021

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm EDT

Details are available online at [www.asianstudies.org/conference](http://www.asianstudies.org/conference).



## Third Plenary Conference and Keynote Lecture (May 27–28, 2021)

The Project's Third Plenary Conference and Advisory Board Meeting will be held on May 27-28, 2021. The conference will include a keynote lecture (open to public) by Prof. Pamela H. Smith (History, Columbia University) and closed-door panel discussions focusing on the project and its findings on the themes of infrastructure, everyday technology and East Asia as a region. These events will gather over thirty scholars from around the globe, including the MMEA Project Team, the Advisory Board, and representatives from partner institutions.

## KE Projects

The MMEA project is planning to interview senior scholars by young scholars, and a lecture series which will be on display in a virtual museum (currently under construction). Meanwhile, the Food Technologies sub-group has begun a film project to document Hong Kong's traditional soy-sauce production, with a view to preserving old techniques and chronicling new changes. In the past months, members of the sub-group have conducted site visits and interviewed several local veteran enterprises, and have started working with an experienced filmmaker to produce a documentary series on the memory and re-invention of the Cantonese soy sauce-making tradition, and its business strategies. Stay tuned for more updates.



Filming soy sauce production in two local factories



## 5. CRF Project “Infrastructures of Faith: Religious Mobilities on the Belt and Road”

### Religion and Empire Lecture Series (Spring, 2021)

International scholars such as Dr. Gerda Heck (American University in Cairo), Dr. Darryl Li (The University of Chicago), and Dr. Benjamin Kirby (University of Leeds) are invited to give talks on the interconnections between religion, infrastructure and empire in Afro-Eurasia. Dr. Heck's talk on “Religion as Infrastructure: Congolese Migration, Diaspora, and Religious Networks,” is scheduled to be held on January 25. Details about the series are available online at [brinfaith.com/](http://brinfaith.com/).



## RECENT EVENTS

### 1. Hubs, Mobilities and the Asian Urban

#### Chinese Business History Sub-group

The sub-group organizes a monthly Chinese Business History Webinar Series, bringing together scholars who are broadly interested in the history of Chinese Business. In fall 2020, Convenors Dr. John D. Wong and Dr. Ghassan Moazzin organized two webinars, namely “Pirates and Publishers: A Social History of Copyright in Modern China” by Dr. Fei-Hsien Wang (Indiana University Bloomington) on November 6, and “Red Silk: Class, Gender, and Revolution in China’s Yangzi Delta Silk Industry” by Prof. Robert Cliver (Humboldt State University) on December 4.

### 2 Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series

The Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar Series held nine seminars via Zoom in the summer/fall of 2020, covering topics from literature and film studies to history, law, and finance. The bi-weekly talks were:

August 25: “Historicities and Temporalities in Jin Yong’s Fiction” by Dr. Jonathan Hui (HKU)

September 8: “The Dark Side of Moral Development in a Taiwanese Village: Re-analyzing Arthur P. Wolf’s 1958–1960 Field-notes in a New Framework” by Dr. Xu Jing (University of Washington in St. Louis)

September 22: “Legal Complicity in an Age of Resurgent Authoritarianism” by Dr. Jedidiah Kroncke (HKU)

October 6: “A Blurry Boundary: British Cochin and the Princely States of Malabar 1911–1920” by Dr. Devika Shankar (HKU)

October 20: “The Interactive Relations between Daoism and Traditional Chinese Medicine: Through a Comprehensive Study of the Theory of the Heart in *Wenzi* and *Huangdi Neijing*” by Dr. Crystal Luk (CUHK)

November 3: “Nature and Nation: Ethnicity in Chinese Ecocinema” by Dr. Haomin Gong (Lingnan University)

November 17: “Debt at a Distance: China’s Debt Collection Callers during Covid-19” by Dr. Tom McDonald (HKU)

December 1: “Ritual Time, Secular Democracy: On Literary Depictions of Chinese and Indian Popular Religions in Malaysia” by Dr. Nicholas Y.H. Wong (HKU)

December 15: “Reclaiming Recovery: Critical Reflections on the Use of the Recovery Approach in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention among Chinese Communities in the UK and Hong Kong” by Dr. Lynn Tang (Lingnan University)





### 3. CRF Project “Making Modernity in East Asia: Technologies of Everyday Life, 19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> Centuries”

#### Publication Workshop: Technology and East Asian Society (December 14, 2020)



This December event is a continuation of the Publication Workshop held in August 2020. It was a collaboration between the Project and the Harvard-Yenching Institute to mentor early career scholars and advanced PhD students on their publication plans. With guidance from the Institute’s senior scholars and our U.S. partners Prof. Ruth Rogaski (Vanderbilt University) and Dr. Xaq Frohlich (Auburn University), ten junior scholars continued to explore different aspects of academic publishing.

#### Making Modernity in East Asia Lecture Series

Dr. Jenny Smith (HKUST) gave a talk entitled “Lager, or The Doublet of History: Ten Centuries of Asian Influence in Europe” at the Making Modernity in East Asia Lecture Series on November 26, 2020, where she attempted to trace historically a real and meaningful relationship between the public house and the carceral state. Focusing on Asia and its material influence on Europe over the past thousand years, she presented us a global history of connections, common roots, permeable borders, evolution, and corruption.



Prof. Shobita Parthasarathy (University of Michigan) gave a talk on “Commodifying Development: The Meaning, Consequences, and Politics of Inclusive Innovation in India” on January 18, 2021. By focusing the case of menstrual hygiene management (MHM) innovation in India, she discussed how menstruation became a development problem for which sanitary pads were the ideal inclusive solution, and the implications for equity and empowerment for Indian girls and women.



To re-experience the talks, please visit:

<https://www.hkihss.hku.hk/video/20201126/> (Smith);

<https://www.hkihss.hku.hk/video/20210118/> (Parthasarathy)

## 4. CRF Project “Infrastructures of Faith: Religious Mobilities on the Belt and Road”

### Religion and Empire Lecture Series

Four BRINFAITH lectures were organized on virtual platform in the fall semester. They were: “Islamic Belonging to Chinese Society: Taboo, Tolerance and the Ban on Alcohol in a Chinese Hui Muslim Town,” Dr. Ruslan Yusupov (CUHK), September 20; “China’s Belt and Road Initiative in Nepal: National Imaginaries, Ethnographic Anxieties, and Geopolitical Power,” Dr. Galen Murton (James Madison University), November 5; “China’s Islamic Outreach to the Middle East,” Dr. Kyle Haddad-Fonda (Foreign Policy Association), November 25; and “Supporting the Faith, Building the Empire: Imperial Japan’s Islamic Policies in World War II,” Dr. Kelly Hammond (University of Arkansas), December 3.



(Clockwise from top left) Dr. Ruslan Yusupov, Dr. Galen Murton, Dr. Kyle Haddad-Fonda, and Dr. Kelly Hammond

### Workshops

Members of the BRIFAITH project team joined a virtual workshop during September 14 to 23, 2020. Their discussions evolved around themes centered on (i) religion and infrastructure in South and Central Asia, (ii) religion circulations at China’s borderlands, (iii) urban religious hubs, iv) religious strategies and circulations, and v) history, geopolitics and mapping.

In early December 2020, Prof. David A. Palmer (Project PC), Dr. Li Ji (Co-PI) and Prof. Michael Feener (Collaborator) participated in a workshop entitled “Antecedents of BRI,” organized by the University of Virginia. They gave presentations during the session “Religious Circulations and Materialities,” held on December 4. Dr. Li’s presentation was titled “Christianity on the Move: Routes and Religious Mobility in Late Imperial and Modern China,” Prof. Feener’s was “Peppering Piety Across Port Cities: the Materialities of Religious Circulations in Asia, from the Silk Road to the Belt and Road,” and Prof. Palmer, who also moderated the roundtable discussion on December 5, gave a talk entitled “Post-colonial Empires in the Era of the Belt and Road.”



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### 1. New Graduate Seminar Course

Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung will offer a new research and training seminar course on “Food in Chinese Culture: The Past in the Present” in the spring semester. The course is designed to enable students to develop a critical approach to the study of food culture and technology, to analyze and discuss collectively in class, and to deploy new ideas in a piece of academic work. The course’s syllabus can be viewed online at [www.hkihss.hku.hk/en/teaching/courses-offering-in-2020-21/](http://www.hkihss.hku.hk/en/teaching/courses-offering-in-2020-21/).



### 2. Common Core Course Offering

Dr. Izumi Nakayama will teach the course “Gender, Health and Globalization” (CCGL9028) under the thematic cluster “Sustaining Cities, Cultures, and the Earth” in the spring semester of 2020–21. This course will challenge students to consider the three keywords from a variety of intellectual perspectives and engage more deeply with the increasingly globalized world today. More details are available at [commoncore.hku.hk/ccgl9028/](http://commoncore.hku.hk/ccgl9028/).



### 3. Call for Applications for Research Postgraduate Programs at HKIHSS, 2021–22

Applications for admission (First Clearing Round) to Research Postgraduate Programs in 2021–22 are open now until April 30, 2021. Interested candidates can find out more about us, the programs, and application procedures online at [www.hkihss.hku.hk/en/teaching/our-programs/](http://www.hkihss.hku.hk/en/teaching/our-programs/).

### 4. Student Achievement

Our PhD student Mr. Rao Yichen has won a Graduate Honorable Mention of the 2020 Harold K. Schneider Prize Competition. The prize was established by the Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA) to honor its first president and to encourage new scholars in the field of economic anthropology. Mr. Rao’s prize-winning paper is entitled “Dreaming like a Market: The Hidden Script of Financial Inclusion in China’s P2P lending platform.” He has also been awarded a six-month scholarship by the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education & Research. He now plans a study visit in Austria from March to August 2021.



## PERSONALIA

### Staff Appointments

- ◆ Prof. Daniel KL Chua joined the Institute as Joint Professor from October 2020. Prof Chua is Chair Professor of Music and Mr & Mrs Hung Hing-Ying Professor in the Arts.
- ◆ Dr. Liu Xiaomeng , Postdoctoral Fellow (CRF MMEA project), from November 2020.
- ◆ Dr. Jules Liu Zhao, Postdoctoral Fellow (CRF BRINFAITH project), from January, 2021.
- ◆ Dr. Steve Cheung, Lecturer (Asia Religious Connections Cluster), from January 2021.
- ◆ Miss Fung Lok Hang, Teaching Assistant, from January 2021.
- ◆ Dr. Michael Brownnutt, HKIHSS Fellow, from January 2021.

We also welcome the May Hall team of the Faith and Global Engagement who joined us with effect from January 2021:

- ◆ Mr. Steve Gaultney, Managing Director
- ◆ Dr. Carl Hildebrand, Research Assistant Professor
- ◆ Ms. Carmen Bat, Creative Media Officer

### Staff Departure

- ◆ Dr. Zhang Chaoxiong, Postdoctoral Fellow, w.e.f. November 30, 2020.
- ◆ Ms. Shirley Zhang, Program Officer, w.e.f. December 16, 2020.

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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