

# Dr Michel CHAMBON

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## Education

- D.Phil (in cultural anthropology) Boston University, 2018
- M.A. (theology) Catholic University of Paris, 2011
- M.S. (theology) Catholic University of Paris, 2008
- D.U.T. (Biological and Biochemical Analysis) University of Auvergne, 2001

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## Professional Experience

01/07/2021 - PRESENT

### Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, NUS

- Founding coordinator of ISAC – Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics [www.isac-research.org](http://www.isac-research.org)

01/08/2018-30/07/2020

### Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Hanover College

- Teaching of 5 courses in Anthropology

01/08/2013-15/05/2017

### Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Boston University

- Assist Professors and supervise groups of students during weekly discussion sections.

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## Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Anthropology of Christianity
- Material Religion
- Chinese Studies
- Christianity
- Catholic Theology of Religion

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## Short Biography

I am a cultural anthropologist and French Catholic theologian specializing in Christianity in contemporary Chinese societies. My work includes numerous publications—peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and monographs—on Christian practices and materiality in East and

Southeast Asia. At the National University, I also coordinate research on Asian Catholicism through ISAC, the Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

2025. *Les chrétiens dans la Chine de Xi Jinping*. Paris: Le Cerf.  
2020. *Making Christ Present in China, Actor-Network Theory and the Anthropology of Christianity*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Refereed Article (selected past 2 years)**

2025. "The Dialogic Culturation of Mother Mary in South Korea: Between Universal Aspirations and Local Footprints", *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* (forthcoming)  
2025. "Collecting Catholicity: The materialization of faith within the Taiwanese domestic sphere", *International Journal of Asian Christianity* 8 (2): 263–84.  
2025. Chambon, Michel, Bubbles Beverly Asor, and Renchillina Joy G. Supan. "Lateral Synodality: Academics of Asian Catholicism and Organizational Change" *Religions* 16,3: 283.  
2025. "Dancing before Christ and Chinese Citizens: Protestant Calisthenics and Religious Space in Contemporary China." *Religion and Society* 15 (2024): 170–183  
2024. "The Missionary and the Pea, An Anthropological Study of the French MEP Economy." *Journal of Global Catholicism* 8 (2): 102-133.

### **Book Chapter (selected past 3 years)**

- (forthcoming) "African Flesh and Catholic Evangelisation in China: Investigating the Roles of African Catholics in the Making of Chinese Catholicism", in *Overcoming Xenophobia and Exclusion? African Christianities in Diaspora*, Swart, Ignatius, Henrietta Nyamnjoh & Elina Hankela (eds.), Stellenbosch: African Sun Media/UWC Press.  
2024. "Chinese Christians and the Post-Maoist Politics", in *Christian Minorities and Transforming States, Mapping Varied Christian Experiences and Responses*. D. Singh, Minneapolis: Fortress Press. pp.35-52  
2023. "Chinese Nuns and Their Theology of Ministry" In *Modern Chinese Theologies, Vol. 1: Heritage and Prospect*. C. Starr. Minneapolis: Fortress Press