

Dr Michel CHAMBON

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Education

- Ph.D. (Anthropology), Boston University (eg. D.Phil (Human Geography) University of Oxford)
- Master - Canonical Licence (Theology), Catholic University of Paris
- University Degree (Biology), University of Auvergne

Professional Experience

FROM 2021 – TO PRESENT

Research Fellow, ARI – National University of Singapore

- Founder and coordinator of ISAC, the Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics
www.isac-research.org

FROM 2018 – TO 2020

Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology, Hanover College USA

- Taught 5 courses in anthropology

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Chinese Christianities
- Asian Catholics
- Anthropology of Religion
- Theology of Religions

Short Biography

Dr Michel Chambon is a Research Fellow with the Religion and Globalisation Cluster since 08 October 2021.

He is a French Catholic theologian and a cultural anthropologist interested in Christianity in Asia. Studying Catholic and Protestant communities based in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, he has published research on the agency of Christian buildings, Chinese Pentecostalism, and Chinese Catholic nuns. His most recent book, “Making Christ Present in China Actor-Network Theory and the Anthropology of Christianity”, examines the five Christian denominations of Nanping (Fujian Province) to question the ways social science theorizes the unity and diversity of Christianity.

He is coordinating the *Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics* www.isac-research.org. His current research projects examine the materialization of Christianity within Taiwanese households, as well as the expansion of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta across the Asia Pacific region.

Publications

Books

- Chambon, Michel. 2020 *Making Christ Present in China, Actor-Network Theory and the Anthropology of Christianity*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Chambon, Michel. (under contract) *Les chrétiens dans la Chine de Xi Jinping*. Paris: Les Indes Savantes.

Refereed Article

- Chambon, Michel. 2022. "Remaking the Church Catholic in Post-Maoist China The Outward Movement of Chinese Catholics and Their Collaborations with the Paris Foreign Missions." *Mission Studies* 39: 373-396
- Chambon, Michel. 2022. "Quelle réception catholique des courants évangéliques en Asie ? Regard d'Asie." *Lumen Vitae* 77(4):413-415
- Chambon, Michel. 2022. "How Do Chinese Christians Draw Boundaries among Themselves? Reassessing the Question of Chinese Christianities." *Religions* 13: 258.
- Chambon, Michel. 2019. "Chinese Catholic Nuns and the Organization of Religious Life in Contemporary China" *Religions* 10: 447.
- Chambon, Michel. 2018. "Produire et Consommer le Sang du Christ en Chine Contemporaine" *Études Chinoises* 37 (2): 61-82
- Chambon, Michel. 2017. "The Action of Christian Buildings upon their Chinese Environment" *Studies in World Christianity* 23(2): 100-121.
- Chambon, Michel. 2017. "Les Catholiques Alternatifs de Guangzhou : Enjeux Educatifs" *Leuven Chinese Studies* 37: 107-124.

Book Chapters

- Chambon, Michel. 2023. "Chinese Nuns and Their Theologies" In *Modern Chinese Theologies, Vol. 1: Heritage and Prospect*. C. Starr. Mineapolis: Fortress Press.
- Chambon, Michel. 2019. "Sciences sociales et christianisme en Chine. Une brève introduction" pp.31-50 in *Trajectoires missionnaires en Asie orientale*, P. Servais and A. Join-Lambert, Collection « Religio ». Louvain-La-Neuve: Presses Universitaires de Louvain.
- Chambon, Michel. 2017. "Are Chinese Christians Pentecostal? A Catholic Reading of Pentecostal Influence on Chinese Christians" pp.181-199 in *Global Chinese Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity*, F. Yang, J. K.C. Tong and A. H. Anderson, eds. Leiden: Brill.
- Chambon, Michel. 2017. "Les Dieux Catholiques à la Rencontre des Fantômes Chinois" pp.113-124 in *Fantômes dans l'Extrême-Orient d'Hier et d'Aujourd'hui*. M. Laureillard and V. Durand-Dastès, eds. Paris: Presses de l'INALCO.

Selected Op-Eds

- The Diplomat
Chambon, Michel "The Vatican's Diplomacy in Central Asia", 3 Oct. 2022.

Chambon, Michel and Bernardo Brown "Catholicism's Overlooked Importance in Asia", 4 Feb. 2022.

La Civiltà Cattolica

Chambon, Michel and Antonio Spadaro, s.j. "African Influence upon Chinese Catholicism" 2020, 3: 270-280.

Chambon, Michel and Antonio Spadaro, s.j. "Urban Catholicism in China" 2019, 3(1): 26-38.

National Catholic Reporter

Chambon Michel "In Asia, the Virgin Mary Transcends Religious Boundaries" 8 May 2023.

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Chambon, Michel. "Beijing, Holy See test Sino-Vatican deal" November 28, 2022.

Chambon, Michel. "The Holy See, China and the Question of Sovereignty" February 22, 2018.

Chambon, Michel. "What divides and unifies Chinese Christians?"

January 21, 2016.

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

American Academy of Religion Research Grant	2020
Global Religion Research Initiative Dissertation Fellowship, University of Notre Dame	2017
Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, Boston University	2015
Confucius China Studies Program Research Fellowship	2015
Association for Asian Studies China and Inner Asia Council Small Grant	2014
Dean's Fellowship, Boston University	2012
Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient (E.F.E.O.) Research Grant	2010