**Cognition, Religion, and Science**

**International Conference**

Philosophy and Religious Studies Program, FAH, the University of Macau

Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Toronto

**12-13 January 2015**

**Conference Venue: E4-G051, University of Macau[[1]](#footnote-1)\***

**Hotel: Grandview Hotel Macau[[2]](#footnote-2)\*\***

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| **12 January** |  |
| **9:30** | University bus from Grandview Hotel to New Campus |
| **10:00 – 10:40** | **Welcome**  **Hong-gang Jin**, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Macau  **William Franke**, Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Program, University of Macau  **Donald Wiebe**, Professor of Religion, Director of the Toronto Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Canada |
| **10:40 – 12:00** | **Opening Speech**  *Natural Cognition, Universals, and the Nothing of Religion*– **William Franke**, Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Program, University of Macau |
| **12:00 – 14:00** | **Lunch**, Fortune Inn Restaurant on campus |
| **14:00 – 15:30** | *Religious Studies in the Age of Consilience: New Approaches Drawn from the Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences*– **Edward Slingerland**,Professor of Asian Studies and Director of Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium at University of British Columbia, Canada Research Chair in Chinese Thought and Embodied Cognition, Canada  *Experience, Imagination, and the Body of Ghost: Examples from Ancient China*– **Mu-chou Poo**, Professor of History, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  Chair: **Weigang Chen** (University of Macau) |
| **15:30 – 16:00** | **Coffee Break** |
| **16:00 – 17:30** | *The Return of Science: Evolution, Cognition, and History (of Religions)* – **Luther H. Martin**, Professor of Religion, Honorary Director of the Toronto Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Vermont, USA  *Transcending Emic-Etic Dualism: A Perspective from Madhyamika Buddhism –* **Arun Bala**, Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore, Singapore  Chair: **Weigang Chen** (University of Macau) |
| **17:30 – 19:30** | **Dinner**, Fortune Inn Restaurant on campus |
| **19:30** | University bus back to Grandview Hotel |

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| **10:00 – 12:00** | *Why Religion is Natural and Science is Not*–**Robert N. McCauley**,William Rand Kenan Jr. University Professor of Philosophy and Director of Emory Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture at Emory University, USA  *The Postsecular Turn in Education* – **Mario Wenning** and **Jinting Wu** (University of Macau)  Chair**: Weigang Chen** (University of Macau) |
| **12:00 – 14:00** | **Lunch**, Fortune Inn Restaurant on campus |
| **14:00 – 15:30** | *The Scientific Study of Religion in a Global Context: Toward a Dialogue between the Cognitive Study of Religion and Buddhist Philosophy of Mind: a Yogācāra Perspective* – **William Waldron**, Professor of Religion, Chair of Department of Religion, Middlebury College, USA  *A First Look on Taoist Epistemology* – **Hing Wan Cheng** (University of Macau)  Chair: **Nevia Dolcini** (University of Macau) |
| **15:30 – 16:00** | **Coffee Break** |
| **16:00 – 17:40** | *The Heaven (Tian) as Big God –* **Jing Zhu**, Professor of Philosophy, Institute of Logic and Cognition, Zhongshan University, China  **Closing Speech**  *Globalization and the Scientific Study of Religion* –**Donald Wiebe**, Professor of Religion, Director of the Toronto Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Canada  Chair: **Nevia Dolcini** (University of Macau) |
| **17:40** | University bus to Café Litoral, Taipa |
| **18:00 – 20:00** | **Dinner**, Café Litoral, Taipa |
| **20:00** | University bus back to Grandview Hotel |

1. \* For any further questions regarding logistical information, please feel free to contact Ms. Maggie Wong, Administrator of Philosophy and Religious Studies Program at University of Macau (Tel: +853 8822 4768; E-mail: maggiewong@umac.mo). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \*\* Grandview Hotel Macau (澳門氹仔君怡酒店) is located at 142 Estrada Governador Albano de Oliveira, Taipa, Macau (澳門氹仔柯維納馬路142號). Tel: (853) 2883-7788. Your hotel room rates include **both bed and breakfast**. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)