Religious Diversity & the History of Religions

May 22-23, 2014
Confucius Institute at the University of Geneva
266 route de Lausanne
Chambésy

WORKSHOP
Thursday, May 22nd | 9h15-17h
Registration: ic@unige.ch

PUBLIC LECTURES
Friday, May 23rd | 15h00-18h
Yang Huilin (Renmin University)
Mutual Interpretation/Understanding in a Diverse Context

James Robson (Harvard University)
Daoism: Lost and Found
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Specialists of both Chinese and Western religions will reassess the impact, over time, of Western ideas of religion in China and of the Western reception of Chinese religions and culture.

9h15-9h30  ZHAO XIURONG (Confucius Institute of the University of Geneva)  
Welcoming speech

9h30-10h   PHILIPPE BORGEAUD (University of Geneva)  
Some reflections on Comparison, Contact and Connection

10h-10h30  MATTHIEU BERNHARDT (University of Geneva)  
Cultural accommodation, textual accommodation: Matteo Ricci’s mission and its representation(s) in 17th century’s Jesuit historiography

10h30-11h  Coffee break

11h-11h30  DANIEL BARBU (University of Geneva and University of Bern)  
Thinking about the ‘other’: religious taxonomies and the study of religion in early modernity

11h30-12h  VINCENT GOOSSAERT (EPHE and CNRS, Paris)  
Historians and Anthropologists rethink religious diversity in China

12h-14h    Lunch break

14h-14h30  JAMES ROBSON (Harvard University)  
Iconophilia and Iconophobia: On the Attraction and Repulsion of Chinese Religious Images

14h30-15h  AURÉLIE NÉVOT (CNRS, Paris)  
From Superstition (mixin 迷信) to Primitive Religion (yuanshi zongjiao 原始宗教). Processes of transformation of Masters of Psalmody (bimos)

15h-15h30  YANG QINGZHONG (Renmin University, Beijing)  
Beyond the diversity of religion: From Chinese philosophical perspective

15h30-16h  Coffee break

16h-17h    General discussion

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