

Religion in a plural society:
**Comparing the Chinese
and Indian Worlds**

on **Friday 10**
and **Saturday 11**, June 2016
from 9:30 to 17:30

A workshop at the **Confucius Institute**
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under the scientific direction of
Prof. **Vincent Goossaert** (EPHE)

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Friday 10

Keynote speech :

Peter van der Veer (MPI Göttingen)

Religious pluralism : Collective and individual affiliation

🌐 **Cao Xinyu** (Renmin University) :

Reconsidering the social-religious infrastructure in rural North China

☀️ **Aminah Mohammad Arif** (CNRS, CEIAS) :

Beyond Homogeneity : Internal Religious Plurality among “Born Again” Young Muslims in Bangalore

Discussant : **Vincent Goossaert**

Shared holy sites

🌐 **Adam Chau** (U. Cambridge) :

Ritual Terroir : Spatial Practices in Chinese Popular Religion

🌐 **James Robson** (U. Harvard) :

Co-presence and Conflict : Negotiating Sacred Space in China

☀️ **Maya Burger** (U. Lausanne) :

Between inclusion and exclusion : Religious discourses on appropriating sacred sites, a few examples from India

Discussant : **Peter van der Veer**

Saturday 11

Cultural homogeneity and local/ethnic variation

🌐 **Kenneth Dean** (National U. Singapore) :

Migration and ritual change : the circulation and transformation of Taoist ritual traditions between Southeast China and Singapore and Malaysia

☀️ **Mathieu Claveyrolas** (CNRS, CEIAS) :

Hinduism in plural societies : from India to Mauritius

🌐 **Tam Ngo** (MPI Göttingen) :

Scriptural Transcendence : Sanskrit and Chinese in Vietnamese Spirit Writing

Discussant : **James Robson**

Religious specialists and the division of ritual labor

🌐 **Vincent Goossaert** (EPHE) :

The regulation of ritual labor in modern Jiangnan

☀️ **Arpita Roy** (MPI Göttingen) :

Religious Pluralism between Birth and Rebirth

☀️ **Jacob Copeman** (U. Edinburgh) :

The plural religious specialist

Discussant : **Youri Volokhine** (U. Geneva)

General discussion and future perspectives