

Buddhist Sociability in Contemporary China: Exploring Critical Issues

Salle 221, Site Pouchet du CNRS, Paris, 17 May 2010

9:00 Welcoming of participants

9:30 – 13:00 Session 1

Buddhism as Social Force: Actions and Reactions

Moderator: Vincent Goossaert, Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités (France)

Discussant: Joël Thoraval, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (France)

9:30-10:10 Introduction. Chinese Buddhism as Social Force: Thirty Years of Revival

Ji Zhe, Institut d'études avancées de Nantes – Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités (France)

10:10-10:50 Conversion to Buddhism: Contemporary Chinese Lay Buddhist Experience

Wu Keping, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (China)

10:50-11:10 Tea break

11:10-11:50 Changes in China's Welfare Regime and the Evolution of Buddhist Philanthropy

André Laliberté, Ottawa University (Canada)

11:50-12:30 Wrath of Vajra: Engaged Buddhists and the Way of Chinese Democracy

Zhang Chi, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (France)

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Session 2

Buddhist Mobilization and Social Settings: An Asian Horizon

Moderator: Ji Zhe

Discussant: Vincent Goossaert

14:00-14:40 In the Footsteps of the Tourists: Buddhist Revival at Temple Museum Sites in Beijing

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University (USA)

14:40-15:20 From the Mountains to the City, from the City to the Mountains: Some Aspects of the Buddhist Revival in South Korea

Florence Galmiche, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (France)

15:20-16:00

- Power, Status, and Buddhist Discourses of Merit and Morality in Thailand

- Comparative Study of Buddhism and Middle Class Aspirations in Asian Megacities: Bangkok and Shanghai

Sophorntavy Vorng, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (Germany)

16:00-16:20 Tea break

16:20-17:00 General discussion

Entrée libre dans la limite des places disponibles.

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