

MRI International Symposium 4-5 November 2026

Chinese Rites Controversy Reconsidered: Modern Historiography Between Beijing, Canton and Rome

Program

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

09:30-12:45 (Macau Time, GMT +8)

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SESSION 1: <i>Acta Pekinensia</i> and Beyond <u>CHAIRS: Anselm Lam and Paul Spooner</u>		
09:30-10:00	Jaroslav Duraj, S.J., Director of MRI	Introductory Remarks
09:30-10:00	Alexandre Lobo, Vice- Rector for Research and Innovation at USJ	Welcoming Message
09:30-10:00	Rev. Fr. Stephen Tong, S.J., Provincial	Welcoming Message
10:00-10:40	Ronnie Po-Chia Hsia	Keynote Address: Beyond <i>Acta Pekinensia</i> : the Historical Background for the Chinese Rites Controversy
10:45-11:00	BREAK	
11:00-11:30	Antoni J. Üçerler, S.J.	The Japanese Rites Controversy: Its Chinese & Global Consequences (1593–1939)
11:30-12:00	Wu Xiaoxin	The Afterlife of the Chinese Rites Controversy: Archives, Scholars, and the Ricci Institute
12:00-12:30	Cristina Osswald	The Tournon Legacy, Gifts Diplomacy and the <i>Acta Pekinensia</i>
12:30-12:45	Q&A Session	
12:45-13:45	LUNCH (USJ)	

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SESSION 2: Different Voices in the Chinese Rites Controversy <u>CHAIRS: Antoine Ren, S.J. and Olivier Lardinois, S.J.</u>		
14:00-14:30	Wang Xueying	Beyond the Latin Archive: <i>Acta Pekinensia</i> and Chinese Catholic Agency
14:30-15:00	Litian Swen	Emperor Kangxi's Involvement in the Chinese Rites Controversy
15:00-15:30	Davor Antonucci	The Missions of Martino Martini and Prospero Intorcetta to Rome and the Rites Controversy: Connections and Outcomes
15:30-15:45	Q&A Session	
15:45-16:00	BREAK	
16:00-16:30	Wang Niecai	The Theological Construction of the Boundary between 'Political Rites' and 'Religious Rites' in Jacques Le Favre's <i>De Sinensium ritibus politicis acta</i> (1700), and Its Cross-Cultural Implications
16:30-17:00	Yves Vendé, S.J.	François Noël and the Mission to Rome: New Testimonies and their echoes in the <i>Acta Pekinensia</i>
17:00-17:30	Thierry Meynard, S.J.	Chinese rites as expressions of materialistic worship: Invention of a "new" type of religion by the Franciscan Antonio Caballero in the Early Qing
17:30-18:00	Chen Fang-chung	The Solitary Chinese Dominican—Luo Wenzao (Gregorio Lopez) in the Rites Controversy
18:00-18:15	Q&A Session	
18:30-20:00	DINNER	

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13:30-19:00 (Macau Time, GMT +8)

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SESSION 3: <i>Historiae Sinarum Imperii and Beyond</i> <u>CHAIRS: Felipe Bacalso, S.J. and Franz Gassner, S.V.D.</u>		
13:30-14:00	Robert Danieluk, S.J.	Tomasz Ignacy Szpot Dunin and the Unpublished History of the Jesuit China Mission
14:00-14:30	Paweł Nowakowski	Chinese Rites Controversy Seen from Inside the Jesuit Historical Narrative: Tomasz Szpot Dunin's Method
14:30-15:00	Łukasz Burkiewicz	The Administrative Roots of the Chinese Rites Controversy in Early Qing China: Evidence from Tomasz Dunin-Szpot's Jap. Sin. 104–105
15:00-15:30	Hanna Wadas	Material, Aesthetic, and Performative Dimensions of the Incorporation of Chinese Cultural Elements into Catholic Religious Practice in China, as Reflected in the Works of Tomasz Dunin Szpot SJ
15:30-15:45	Q&A Session	
15:45-16:00	BREAK	
16:00-16:30	Gościwit Malinowski	Tomasz Szpot Dunin, the Chinese Rites, and the Collapse of the Padroado System
16:30-17:00	Liu Xun	Chinese Actors in the Rites Controversy According to Tomasz Szpot Dunin
17:00-17:30	Andrzej Wadas	Szpot Dunin and Kilian Stumpf: Two Jesuit Narratives of the Same Controversy
17:30-18:00	Janusz Smolucha	Tomasz Szpot Dunin as the Last Jesuit Historian before the Condemnation of the Rites
18:00-18:15	Q&A Session	
18:15-18:45	ROUNDTABLE AND GENERAL DISCUSSION	
18:45-19:00	Jarosław Duraj, S.J.	Conclusion and Closing Remarks
19:00- 21:00	DINNER	

Remarks:

Each speaker has 25 minutes for presentation