

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DATA

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PRESENT POSITION

Professor at the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong
(Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts), Associate Director of the Divinity School

EDUCATION

1995	Th.D. (<i>summa cum laude</i>) in Systematic Theology at the Theological Faculty of the University of Zurich, Switzerland. Supervisor: Prof. H.F. Geisser. Research on theological concepts, motives, and methods in the search for unity in the work of the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order between 1961 and 1993 (published as <i>Einheit gegeben - verloren - erstrebt. Denkbewegungen von Glauben und Kirchenverfassung</i> , Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (Kirche und Konfession), 1996).
Since 1993	Further language studies in Spanish (1993), Cantonese (1996-98), Mandarin (1997-99), and Thai (2007-08; 2016-17).
Nov 1990 to Nov 1991	Pastoral training in the Evangelical Reformed Church of the Canton Zurich and ordination as pastor in November 1991.
1987-88	Studies at the Institut de Théologie Protestante de Paris and at the Collège International de Philosophie, Paris
1984 – 1990	Bachelor and Master studies of theology at the University of Zurich

Languages

German (native); English, French, Cantonese (fluent); Mandarin (proficient); Spanish and Italian (intermediate); Thai (beginner to intermediate); Latin, ancient (koine) Greek and Hebrew.

WORK

Academic

Since August 2021 Professor at the Divinity School of the Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Areas of teaching: History of Christianity in the West; history of Christianity in Asia; mission studies and intercultural theology; ecumenism, denominational and post-denominational studies including Evangelicalism and Pentecostalism; modern Christian thinkers

Service outside of the university (since 1996)

- 1996 to present **Ecumenical co-worker** of the Basel Mission (since 2000 called Mission 21, Evangelical Mission Basel), Switzerland, with Tsung Tsin Mission Hong Kong and other partners.
- 1998 to present **Prison chaplain** of the Hong Kong Correctional Services Department – from 1998 to 2007 on a full-time basis, since 2008 on an honorary and part-time basis.
- 1996 to present Pastoral co-worker (in honorary position) of the Tsung Tsin Mission Church of Hong Kong (TTM).
- 2011 to present Director of the Society for Community Organization, since 2021 as chairman

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Journals articles

1. Brandner (2020). “‘The room is small, but the heart is big’ – Religion and community life in prison: a case study from the Philippines.” *Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* Vol. 21/4, August 2020, 1-20.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14442213.2020.1797154>
2. Brandner (2020). “Religious Volunteer Visitors in the Penal Context of Hong Kong: Roles, Experiences, Transformations.” *Social Sciences and Mission. Special Edition on Prison and Religion in the Global South*. Volume 33 / 1-2 (2020), 128-156.
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3. Brandner (2020). “Guest Editor’s Introduction.” *Social Sciences and Mission. Special Edition on Prison and Religion in the Global South*. Volume 33 / 1-2 (2020), 1-8.
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4. Brandner (2020). "Emerging Christianity in Cambodia: People Movement to Christ or Playground for Global Christianity?" *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 2020, Vol. 44(3) 279–289.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/VXKFW6EFMKTIS6NN64UZ/full>
5. Brandner (2019). "A Besieged Boom: Christianity in China." *Theology Today* 2019, Vol. 76(3), 194–199.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0040573619859015>
6. Brandner (2019). "The Church as Family: Strengths and Dangers of the Family Paradigm of Christianity in the Chinese Contexts." *Theology Today* 2019, Vol 76 (3), 217-223.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0040573619859018>
7. Brandner (2018). "A Case Study on Conversion in the Context of Prison in Hong Kong: Experiences, Narratives, and Transformations." *International Journal of Practical Theology* 22 (1) / 2018: 3–22.
<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/ijpt/22/1/article-p3.xml>
8. Brandner (2013). "Religious Counseling in the Penal Context: Strategies of Trust and Establishment of Trusting Relationships in a Context of Distrust." *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling* Vol 67, No 2 (2013), 4:1-14.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/154230501306700204>
9. Brandner (2012). „Charismatic Faith and Prison Ministry.“ *Australasian Pentecostal Studies* 14 (2012), 20-40.

Books

10. Brandner (2023). *Christians in the City of Hong Kong: Chinese Christianity in Asia's World City* (Christians in the City: Studies in Contemporary Global Christianity). London: Bloomsbury Academic 2023 (to be published in Nov. 2023).
11. Brandner (2019). *Pilgrims and Popes. A Concise History of Pre-Reformation Christianity in the West*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2019.
12. Brandner (2014). *Beyond the Walls of Separation. Christian Faith and Ministry in Prison*, Eugene, Oregon: Cascade, 2014.
In shortened form and in Chinese translation as Brandner. 鐵窗內的心靈世界。峴港基督教監獄事工面面觀，基道 2010.