

2nd Symposium for Cultural Exchange and Applied Ethics

**ADAM SCHALL VON BELL,
A PROTAGONIST FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH EUROPE
IN EARLY MODERN CHINA**

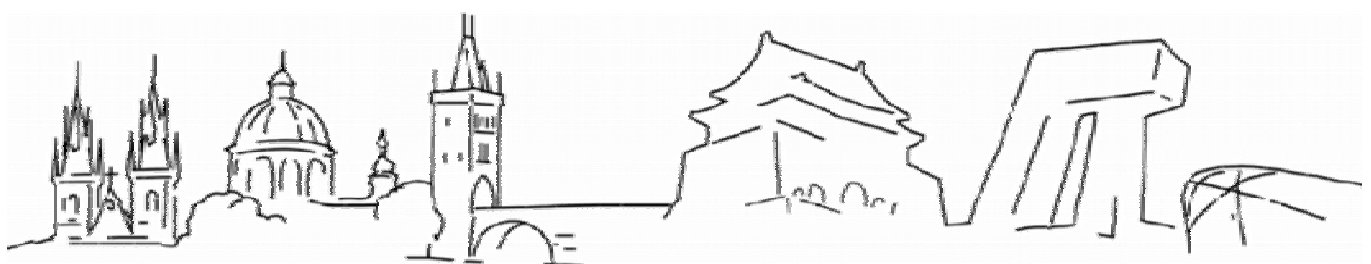
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INTRODUCTION

China and Europe were both positively affected by Adam Schall's cultural and scientific contribution during the period of late Ming and early Qing Dynasties. Celebrating the 420th anniversary of Johann Adam Schall von Bell's birth (May 1, 1592- Aug 15, 1666), the 2nd Symposium for Cultural Exchange and Applied Ethics wants to celebrate this testimony of dialogue and friendship between China and the West.

The Symposium will be held on May 6, 2011 at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Beijing and was organized by the Center for International Business Ethics (CIBE), The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies (TBC), the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to China.

The symposium strives to remind people about the long history of the cross-cultural understanding and exchange between China and Europe. This event also emphasizes how science, knowledge, innovation, and mutual cooperation lead to a civil society based on the rule of law.



ADAM SCHALL VON BELL

Johann Adam Schall von Bell (his Chinese name is Tang Ruowang 汤若望) was one of the most important protagonists in early Sino-European exchange. Born in Cologne, Germany in 1592, he arrived in China in 1619 as a missionary and died in Beijing in 1666. His tombstone is located on the grounds of the Beijing Administrative College, along with the steles of Matteo Ricci and Ferdinand Verbiest.



Schall von Bell lived in China for 47 years and is one of the most influential foreigners in Chinese history and society. He served as mandarin, a public official, for both late Ming and early Qing Emperors, appearing in numerous history books over that period. In the late Ming dynasty, Schall combined the traditional Chinese and western calendars to invent a new calendar system called the “Chongzhen calendar”, which is the lunar calendar still in use today. In 1650 he built the South Church (today known as Nantang (南堂) or Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception), where Matteo Ricci lived and built the first chapel in Beijing. Adam Schall served as a director for both the Royal astronomical department and the Beijing observatory. He was also the teacher of the Shunzhi Emperor and introduced science and humanistic ideas to him. Furthermore, he wrote and translated a great number of books into Chinese, introducing science, humanity, and Christianity.

During this time, a fruitful dialogue was developed between the early European missionaries living in Beijing and many literati interested in western science. This dialogue inspired missionaries and literati to combine their research efforts in different fields of interest and motivated these researchers to write books on medicine, agriculture, mathematics, geography, astronomy, and physics, uniting Chinese and Western wisdom. The period during the late Ming and early Qing dynasties is often referred to as the first “enlightenment movement” for China. Matteo Ricci and Johann Adam Schall von Bell contributed greatly towards a prosperous dialogue and have set a model of respect and friendship for future generations.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The First Symposium for Cultural Exchange and Applied Ethics was held on May 11, 2010, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Matteo Ricci's death in Beijing. This year, the Symposium for Cultural Exchange and Applied Ethics consolidates its inspiration of its second annual event by dedicating this event to the memory of Johann Adam Schall von Bell.

The Symposium will take place on Friday, May 6, 2011 and will be held at the International Conference Room of the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Beijing.

The program is focused on the memory of Adam Schall and its meaning for contemporary relations between China and the West. The program includes a series of insights by outstanding speakers and visits to two important places related to Adam Schall's life in Beijing: the astronomical observatory and his tombstone inside the Administrative College in Beijing.

ORGANIZERS

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- ☐ Center for International Business Ethics at UIBE
- ☐ Center for International Business Chinese Communication at UIBE



PROGRAM

Symposium	University of International Business and Economics
9:00-9:30 am	Opening Ceremony (Hosted by Prof. Liu Baocheng, Director of CIBE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President of University of International Business and Economics - Dr. Norbert Riedel, Deputy Head of Mission and Minister of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany - Ms. Angela Spizig, Vice Mayor of Cologne, Germany - Prof. Dr. Roberto Ribeiro, Director of the Beijing Center for Chinese Studies
9:30-10:30 am	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Dr. Klaus Schatz, Professor of History, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen Frankfurt am Main, Germany: 'Teacher of the secrets of heaven: Science as intercultural and religious communication in the work of Johann Adam Schall von Bell - Dr. Zhang Lu, School of Law and Humanities, China University of Mining and Technology, Beijing: The trial of Johann Adam Schall von Bell of the Qing Court. Rule of law and traditional Chinese religious and astrological beliefs
10:30-10:45 am	Group Picture
10:45-11:00 am	Tea & Coffee Break
11:00-12:15 am	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Yang Huilin, Vice-President of Renmin University, Beijing: The impact of Christianity on the Chinese society: from Johann Adam Schall to our days - Mr. Jacques de Boissésou, President of European Union Chamber of Commerce, Beijing : The significance of Johann Adam Schall von Bell for doing business in a globalized world - Closing words
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch (Jiangnanchun Restaurant)
Guide Tour	Ancient Observatory
2:40- 4:00 pm	Visit the Ancient Observatory at Jianguomen where Adam Schall von Bell served as director 360 years ago
Guide Tour	Zhalan Cemetery
5:00- 6:00 pm	Visit the Zhalan Cemetery in Beijing Administrative College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flower laying ceremony at the tomb of Adam Schall von Bell: Dr. Michael Schaefer, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany will place a wreath at the tomb of Adam Schall von Bell and deliver a speech - Closing ceremony of the event