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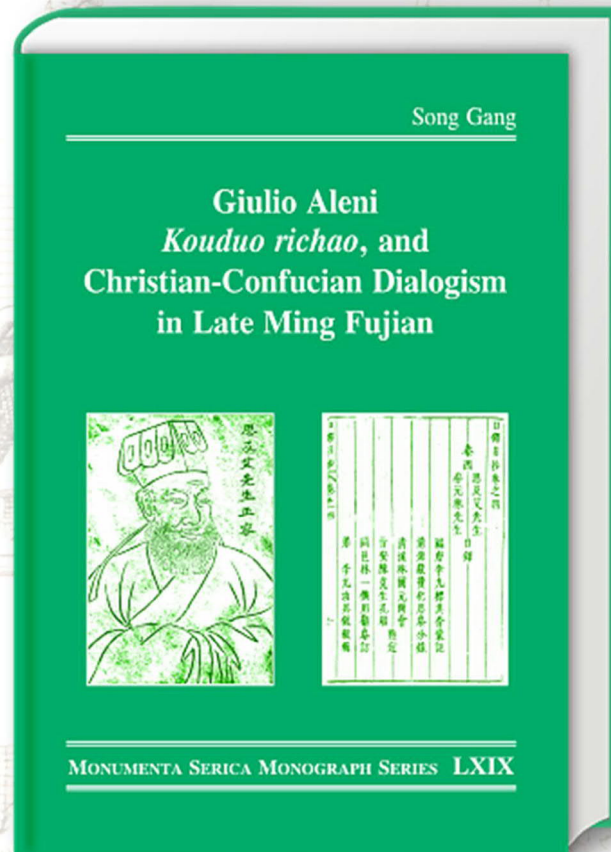
Book Talk

*Giulio Aleni, Kouduo richao, and Christian–Confucian Dialogism
in Late Ming Fujian* (Routledge, September 2018)

15 May 2019 (Wednesday), 4:30 – 6:00 pm

4.36 Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

This book explores the remarkable trend of Christian–Confucian dialogism in the 17th-century encounter between China and the West. It focuses on the mission work of Giulio Aleni (Ai Rulüe 艾儒略, 1582–1649) in Fujian and the unique eight-volume work *Kouduo richao* 口鐸日抄 (Diary of Oral Admonitions, 1630–1640) that records daily conversations on a wide range of religious and intellectual topics among the Jesuit masters and Confucian scholars. By examining the mechanisms of dialogue in *Kouduo richao* and dozens of other Christian works distinguished by a certain dialogue form, the book brings forth a set of new findings beyond the pioneering research of Erik Zürcher (1928–2008) and other scholars. It further highlights the key concept of “dialogic hybridization” as a new approach to help uncover the complex formation of a hybrid Christian–Confucian identity and religious life in late Ming Fujian.



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Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!