

Franciscan Spiritual Traditions and Asian Societies

Memory, Institutionalization, & Pragmatic Agency

30 Sept 2026 to 2 Oct 2026

7.45pm to 10.30pm SGT

International Online Conference



Co-Organized by the Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics and the GL Louis Religious Pluralism Research Cluster, FASS, NUS.

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30 SEPTEMBER 2026 • Wednesday

19:45 – 20:00	WELCOME REMARKS
	BRYAN GOH , National University of Singapore
20:00 – 20:55	KEYNOTE LECTURE
<i>Chairperson</i>	BRYAN GOH , National University of Singapore <i>Sicut Mater</i> , Setting Free like a Mother Friar Derrick Yap , St. Anthony's Friary, Singapore
20:40	Questions & Answers
21:00 – 22:30	PANEL 1 • PAUPERTAS AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
<i>Chairperson</i>	BUBBLES BEVERLY ASOR , De La Salle University Manila Radical Stewardship: Reimagining the Franciscan Approach to Poverty and the Common Good JAMES LAXA , De La Salle University
	Indigenous Catholic Organic Intellectuals and the Safeguarding of Sacred Ecology in Thailand: Perspectives from the Economy of Francesco MICHAEL BISTIS , Saengtham College
	Caring for the Earth, Restoring Fraternity, Franciscan Spirituality in Parish-Based Waste Management in Yogyakarta MARTINUS JOKO LELONO , Sanata Dharma University
	Nurturing Fraternitas Beyond Charity: A Case Study of the Anjappam Initiative as an Alternative Socio-Economic Model in Kerala JOSEPH M.K. , Sacred Heart College, Thevara
<i>Discussant</i>	KRIJN PANSTERS , Tilburg University
22:10	Questions & Answers

1 OCTOBER 2026 • Thursday

19:45 – 20:00	ISAC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND UPDATE MICHEL CHAMBON , Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics
20:00 – 21:10	PANEL 2 • MINORITAS AND NEGOTIATING AGENCY IN THE MARGINS BRYAN GOH , National University of Singapore <i>Princesa das virtudes</i> : Sor Martha de San Bernardo's pursuit of religious life in the Spanish Empire in the Philippines and beyond DANIELLE IRIS V. GARCIA , University of the Philippines Diliman Margins within the Margin: Devotion to St. Anthony and the Question of Franciscan Minoritas at Uvari, Tamil Nadu EDUARDO GONZALEZ , College of the Holy Cross The Mission Reversed: Minoritas and the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters in the Philippines (1953–2003) MARIO VALORI , University of Pisa
Discussant	BERNARDO E BROWN , International Christian University
20:55	Questions & Answers
21:20 – 22:30	PANEL 3 • FRATERNITAS, SOCIAL CAPITAL & TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS BUBBLES BEVERLY ASOR , De La Salle University Manila Minoritas, Fraternitas, Paupertas in Action: Blessed Gabriele Allegra and the Institutionalization of Franciscan Charisms in Chinese-Speaking and Southeast Asian Catholicism RACHEL LIE , St. Anthony Franciscan Archives, Singapore Holy Cross Sisters in Darjeeling: Expansion of Franciscan Charism in the Himalayas and Taiwan Mountains GEORGE THADATHIL , Salesian University Institutions, Rome Bridging Faith and Pluralism: Franciscan Solidarity and Transnational Catholic Networks in Strengthening Civil Society and Interreligious Relations across Asia SATTAR MASIH , Life Savers Ministry Church of Pakistan
Discussant	JOSHUA TAN , Nanyang Technological University
22:15	Questions & Answers

2 OCTOBER 2026 • FRIDAY

19:45 – 21:10	PANEL 4 • MEMORY AND HERITAGE MICHEL CHAMBON , Initiative for the Study of Asian Catholics Franciscans in Vietnam: Past, Present and Beyond LINH HOANG , Siena University Remembering the Franciscans: Community Narratives and Collective Memory of Mission in Selected Philippine Parishes RONEL DELA CRUZ , Ateneo de Manila University St. Francis of Assisi: The Timeless Relevant Relic of the Past BIEN JUSTINE D. PATRIARCA , Order of Friars Minor - Province of San Pedro Bautista Devotion and Conviction amidst Diversity: How Franciscan Spirituality is Understood in Modern Asian Societies LUCAS JOHN CHIN , St. Anthony Franciscan Archives, Singapore
Discussant	BRYAN GOH , National University of Singapore
20:55	Questions & Answers
21:05 – 21:15	CLOSING REMARKS BUBBLES BEVERLY ASOR , De La Salle University Manila