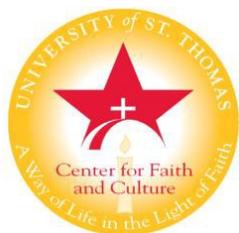


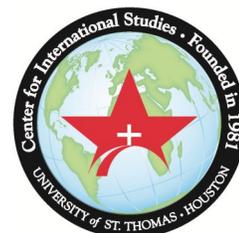
“The State of Religious Freedom in China”

In the midst of China’s impressive economic liberalization are disparities in political and social reform, in particular rights and protections in relation to the freedom of religious expression.

What is the current state of religious expression in the People’s Republic of China? What are the current prospects for reform in these areas and what role do they play in China’s relations with its neighbors and the United States?



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