



Religious Ethics in a Conflicted World

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Message from the Guest Editors

Religious ethics can act as a methodology for inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue, as well as a catalyst for an encounter with the other. On the other hand, religious ethics may provide the (subliminal) rationale for political theology and, thus, ideology, identity politics, and mechanisms of re-feudalization. However, in aiming for practice, religious ethics function as a middle ground between individual/collective conviction and social/political duties. This in-between state of the subjective and objective sphere adds to the ambiguity; yet, it makes religious ethics an important aspect of socio-political processes. Hence, this MDPI Special Issue seeks to investigate the complex phenomenon of “Religious Ethics in a Conflicted World” on three levels:

- (1) the discussion of religious ethics on a conceptual level in order to determine their ambiguity in a modern world of conflict;
- (2) the investigation of mechanisms of institutionally applied religious ethics on the socio-political level;
- (3) the presentation and discussion of (inter-)national cases with a focus on the role of religious ethics in endeavors of reconciliation and conflict resolution.

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