



The Sacred and the Secular in Taoism: Theories, Practices, and Communities

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Message from the Guest Editor

Taoism is a native Chinese religion, much different from Western religions, especially in its areas of philosophy about the *Tao* and the *Yin-yang*, its theology about the *San-qing* (三清 Three Pure Ones) and various divinities, its practice methods for cultivating life and performing rituals, its special attitude towards the sacred world, and secular society. How can we understand Taoist complex ideologies, practice patterns, and communities in temples or in the home, as well as their influence on Chinese society and culture? There are many different contemporary academic opinions. Therefore, we are setting up a Special Issue about Taoism in the journal *Religions*, a famous international publication contained in A&HCI, for discussing Taoism in depth and multi-dimensionally.

Original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Taoist ideologies;
- Practice patterns of Taoism;
- Taoist communities and temples;
- The interaction between Taoism and Chinese society;
- The relationship between Taoism and other religions.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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