



## The Sacred Battlefields of the Eastern Europe: The Role of Orthodox Christianity in Geopolitics

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Is Orthodox Christianity primarily a tool or resource used by political entities, or does it act as an independent social force with the power to drive political outcomes? How does this religion, as a transnational force, shape global politics? The Special Issue seeks to address these overarching questions by exploring the complex and often understudied role of Orthodox Christianity in shaping geopolitical landscapes, particularly in Eastern and Southern Europe, and aims to bring together a diverse range of scholarly perspectives to analyze the ways in which Orthodox Christian traditions, doctrines, and institutions interact with, influence, and are influenced by the dynamics of nationhood, territorial disputes, and political power.

This area of research is not only timely, but also essential for understanding the broader implications of religious influences on contemporary geopolitical landscapes. This special issue aims to provide a platform for interdisciplinary scholarship that examines the intersections of Orthodox Christianity, national identity, and territorial conflict within a wider geopolitical context.





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