



Theological Traditions of Politics: Tracing History and Its Continuity

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As a concept, political theology has a long history that goes back to the early period of Judaism and Christianity and their struggle to come to terms with the secular world and political (imperial or not) powers around them. At the same time, the gradual rise of Islam as a religion and *humma*, where the relationship between the political and theological is often blurred, have also played an important role in the enrichment of political theology with new concepts, experiences, and views.

The profound political impact of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and other religious and philosophical traditions has contributed to the elevation of political theology into an academic discipline during the 20th century, one which examines how the different religions across the world can be rendered more compatible with political modernity.

This Special Issue aims to explore the past, present, and future of political theology in various religious traditions while critically discussing their compatibility with various facets of modernity, as well as examining the work of representative figures in the field and their impact in setting up the agenda of political theology in each respected tradition.





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