



Religion in Social Media: Citizenship, Interreligious Dialogue, and Hate Speech

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Message from the Guest Editor

The focus of this Special Issue is how activity in social media promotes interreligious dialogue from an insight into the online behaviour of citizens, as individuals and as communities.

Nevertheless, we also know that social media does not seem a good space for negotiation. On one hand, religion (usually linked to minorities, migration, and conflict in intercultural context) is one of the topics that can result in polarisation. Additionally, on the other hand, in the area of political communications, the spread of populism (that usually includes religion) generates epistemic tensions. The path towards the digitalisation of social interaction does not necessarily have a beneficial consequence from the social point of view. In that sense, studies about hate speech related to religion are welcome.

Finally, we are interested in research from a gender perspective. Although many of the recent studies are focused on specific problems of Muslim women, the history of women and religion presents multiple issues for whose analysis the gender perspective is necessary (masculine authority or female leadership are two examples).





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