



Religious Utopianism

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

In utopian studies, discussions of religious utopianism are often limited. Religions, however, are complex and have many other aspects.

Utopias and utopianism have been defined as “dreams of a better life” (E. Bloch, 1986) and a “desire for a better way of being” (R. Levitas, 1990). Religious utopianism conforms to these broad definitions, but it also has its peculiarities.

This Special Issue invites scholars to look at religions as socio-cultural constructs which are, in their totality, utopian. Articles may be: (1) theoretical discussions about religious utopianism or (2) critical explorations of specific visions of religious “better” realities and “better” ways of being and the way they manifest in (a) material and non-material culture (within religious or non-religious contexts) or (b) in relation to social groups, social and political theories, past and current social movements, and past and current public debates.

I look forward to receiving your contributions.





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