

Special Issue

Eco-Theology: Interrelationships of Religion, Nature, and Common Life

Message from the Guest Editors

The encyclical letter *Laudato Si'. On care of our common home*, signed by Pope Francis on May 24, 2015, is inscribed in the global ecological upheaval. Francis, in an unprecedented way, calls everyone to responsibly reflect on what is happening to our common home, while substantiating the concept of integral ecology in word and deed. This Special Issue of Religions welcomes contributions from different areas of knowledge, geographies, religions, cultures, and political systems. Contributors are invited to explore the metaphor common home, and common life, and the danger of complacency of superficial ecologies (see LS 59), in view of finding ways to foster an integral ecology that sustains the biological identity of planet Earth.

Contributions shall aim to investigate how a common life is possible in our one common home, in a time when worldviews, epistemologies, and specifically theologies and ethics of the earth show a growing sensitivity and shift from anthropocentrism and anthropomorphism towards urgently needed integral and sustainable forms of a common life in our one common home.

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