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Transformations in East Asia Religious Diversity: Technology, Hybridity, Equality

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue invites contributions that investigate contemporary transformations in religious diversity in East Asia in rapidly evolving technological, social, and cultural environments. East Asia has long been a site of dynamic religious interactions, where indigenous traditions such as Confucianism, Daoism, and Shinto coexist and intersect with Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and new religious movements. While there is extensive research on individual traditions, fewer studies have examined their interactions, hybridity, and contemporary transformations. Additionally, there is an urgent need for new research to address the increasingly important role of technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and digital media in shaping religious identities and interfaith relations in the region. Furthermore, while significant research has been conducted on religious institutions, state–religion relations, and economic disparities, there remain notable gaps in understanding how religion contributes to or mitigates social inequalities in East Asian societies.

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