

## Special Issue

# Religion and Violence in South Asia

### Message from the Guest Editor

Religions would like to introduce a special issue on Religion and Violence in South Asia, a region that has been of great historical impact and that continues to grow in global importance today. The topic is of grave concern as the world is now being pushed to the brink of an existential crisis by the ravages of violence on our own and other species that is a direct result of exploitation, irrationalism, authoritarianism, and intolerance. Religion, a source of meaning and comfort to billions of the planet's people, has in many cases been used a justification, a banner under which its adherents are compelled to engage in various forms of violence, from the withering of human rights and environmental protections, to outright murder.

It is vital for people of different cultures and perceptions of religion to come together to engage scholarship of the highest standards to continue the task of explaining the role of religion in violence, as well as the role of violence in religion.

This special edition of Religions encourages paper submissions from variety of disciplines and perspectives relating to the topic of Religion and Violence in South Asia.

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