

## Special Issue

# Catholic Propaganda on the Frontiers: Evangelizing Pagans, Protestants, and Non-Believers in the 16th and 17th Centuries

### Message from the Guest Editors

In the 16th century, strategies for the evangelization and promotion of Catholicism among the still predominantly pagan populations of the world underwent significant transformations. This Special Issue seeks to examine the diverse approaches employed to teach and persuade different populations to embrace Catholicism across a wide range of contexts. It will explore missionary efforts among the seemingly "savage" indigenous communities of the Brazilian Amazon and northern Mexico, as well as the conversion of Asian societies and Muslim populations. Additionally, it will analyze the Catholic response to what were considered Protestant heresies in Europe. These varied contexts led to the development of diverse methodologies, which were shaped by clear ethnographic criteria and the specific political conditions of each region, as exemplified by different missionary enterprises. This Special Issue will feature contributions from specialists in Catholic evangelization across various regions of the world. Beyond historical analyses, this work will also explore the theological and intellectual foundations of missionary activity. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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