

Special Issue

Interfaith Encounters: Religious Polemics from the Middle Ages to the Modern Period

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue is aimed at exploring religious polemics from the phenomenological standpoint, seeking to deepen our understanding of religious polemics in a wide cultural, historical, and social context. The articles will deal with a variety of religious polemics between monotheistic religions, sects, and denominations, as well as with polytheistic involvement in religious polemics. The chronological frame of the articles will encompass the early Middle Ages through to the 19th century. Articles presenting new methodological or comparative perspectives will be especially welcome. Scholars are invited to submit essays on specific and general topics: (1) Public disputation as social practice, its strategies, tactics, and tools; its role in the phenomenon of conversion; (2) The typology of the polemics' argumentation (e.g., exegetical, philosophical, or historical); (3) Dynamics and changes in religious polemics through the lens of history; (4) Polemical literature: authors, aims, and target audiences; (5) Constructing the "religious other" through religious polemics; (6) Research on religious polemics—new perspectives and methodologies.

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