

Special Issue

Sustainable Development: The Normative Contribution of Theology

Message from the Guest Editors

Four out of five people worldwide profess a religion. The phenomenon of "religion" occurs globally in various forms. Over the centuries, all religions have formulated theological theories to clarify their self-understanding. Parts of these theologies formulate standards that are binding for those who belong to this religion. The Sustainable Development Goals, with their various themes, also respond to issues that affect the entire globe. They are also based on scientific theories from a wide range of disciplines and formulate demands. This Special Issue examines the question of the normative contribution of theology to issues of sustainable development.

In line with the orientation of the journal *Religions*, this Special Issue aims to present international perspectives of different theologies in a critical, hermeneutical, and constructive manner. The objective of this Special Issue is to present theories about the normative contribution of world religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam) and their different theological schools of thought to concrete problems of sustainable development.

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