

Special Issue

Modernity and Its Discontents: Religion, Social Life, and the Politics of Diversity Culture Wars in a Global Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

Far from heralding an “end of history”, the current global landscape is marked by the intensification and multiplication of “culture wars”—profound struggles over identity, legitimacy, and social order in which religion acts both as a driver and as a contested backdrop. In this Special Issue, we seek to catalyse a critical, comparative, and conceptually sophisticated examination of global culture wars, placing the religious dimension at the centre as both context and catalyst. The aim of this Special Issue is to set a new agenda for the critical study of religion, diversity, and social conflict in the 21st century. By placing the conceptual utility of multiple modernities and secularisms at its core, and by emphasizing comparative and global breadth, we seek to attract leading scholars as well as emerging voices from across disciplines—sociology, political science, anthropology, religious studies, and allied fields. The editorial team welcomes both theoretical and empirical contributions that make substantive, interventionist claims and help to define the next phase of research on religion and the politics of diversity. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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