

Special Issue

Living Faith, Shaping Identity: Social and Religious Practices of Minority Communities in Japan

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue explores the interplay between faith, identity, and daily practices among Japan's minority communities, including Ainu, Okinawans, Zainichi Koreans, and other religious minorities. It examines how religious beliefs, cultural traditions, and social practices shape the experiences and identities of these groups. Understanding these dynamics is vital for advancing knowledge about multiculturalism, religious pluralism, and social cohesion in Japan. The Issue will investigate how religious practices and cultural traditions influence daily life, community cohesion, and identity formation. Researchers are encouraged to explore rituals, festivals, and expressions of faith in the context of contemporary societal changes, globalization, and migration. Submissions may cover topics like the role of religion in minority identities, cultural revival, globalization's impact, and government policies on minority religions. We aim to contribute to discussions on social inclusion, multiculturalism, and identity politics, fostering dialogue across various academic disciplines.

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