

Special Issue

The Interplay of Religion, Media, and Politics in the Digital Age

Message from the Guest Editors

The aim of this Special Issue is to explore the joint effects of digitalization and artificial intelligence on the complex and evolving relationships between media, religion, and politics. In a communication environment dominated by the logics of platforms and algorithms, these three spheres—historically distinct yet structurally interdependent—are being reconfigured, competing with and legitimizing one another in the construction of public meaning.

We invite contributions addressing (but not limited to) the following questions:

The reconfiguration of coexistence and tensions between religion and politics in digital media.

The strategies of religious and political actors to produce meaning, establish authority, and exercise power through digital media.

The role of artificial intelligence in transforming symbolic mediations and regimes of visibility between religion, politics, and media.

New forms of alliance, hybridization, or conflict between media, religion, and politics in digital environments.

Epistemic Challenges in a Triangular Reality: Religion, Media, Politics, and the Dynamics of Truth, Misinformation, and AI Hallucinations.

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