

Special Issue

Religious Transmission Across Generations: Challenges, Continuities, and Changes

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on the relationship between religiosity and younger generations, particularly the topic of religious transmission across generations. Studies in different national contexts have examined the success or failure of religious socialization, particularly in trying to explain the rise of the “Nones”.

We invite contributions that deal with the process of religious socialization and transmission, especially the role of actors, institutions, topics, and practices. In addition, we want to take a closer look at the outcome of religious transmission: How does the younger generation position itself towards religion? What do young people believe in? What is important to them and what are they committed to? What shapes the religious or spiritual life of young people?

The editors particularly encourage empirical, theoretical, and comparative studies on topics, such as Religious transmission; Religious organizations and their effects on youth religious socialization; Religious education; Changes and continuities in religious socialization across generations; and Differences in religious behavior across generations within and outside families.

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