

## Special Issue

# Divine and Secular Sovereignty: Interpretations

### Message from the Guest Editors

The target area and concept of this Special Issue is the interface of divine and secular sovereignty, extending to Christian, Jewish and Islamic theologies. These include, among many others, the following:

Reason and will in divine nature being applied to political theory.

The relevance of love and sharing as essential to God's nature.

Sovereignty as kenosis and obedience—is this possible in politics, or essentially antipolitical?

Can God suffer? How are divine and secular sovereignty related to existence, suffering, and death?

God and creation: Is there something like political creation, out of nothing perhaps?

God and providence: Is divine sovereignty essentially sabbatical or active?

Schmitt attributed great significance to divine miracles having a strong connection to political decisions.

How does the theology of divine properties (omniscience, omnipotence, eternity, happiness, perfection) influence political thinking?

Is there such a thing as political mysticism, an attitude of contemplation of divine perfection and being?

How is sovereignty related to time? Does it entail eternity and/or immortality?

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