

Special Issue

Digital Religion in the Age of the Metaverse

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of the journal Religions aims to explore the connections between the metaverse and religious experience in a broad sense. Through digital religion, we have gained insights into forming spiritual and religious spaces between the virtual and the real (Hoover & Echchaibi, 2023). The metaverse promises to create an augmented reality; it offers a place where individuals can immerse themselves, experience fundamental forms of religious life, feel the presence of the sacred, or even create their artificial paradise after death (Sisto, 2018). This raises important questions about the impact on beliefs and practices related to the sacred, which have historically been shaped, preserved, managed, and regulated by social systems of religious belief.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome, and research areas may include, but are not limited to:

- The social sciences;
- Theology;
- Religious studies;
- Marketing-oriented religion;
- Digital humanities;
- Media and communication studies;
- Internet studies;
- The visual arts.

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