

Special Issue

Ethical Concerns in Early Confucianism

Message from the Guest Editor

I am writing to invite you to contribute to the Special Issue of the *Religions* journal entitled “Ethical Concerns in Early Confucianism”. Although the theme has somewhat been addressed in many correlational studies for over a century, the explanation of its core issues and the revelation of the internal relations among them remain unsystematic and incomplete. With this in mind, our intensive focus on the ethical concerns of early Confucianism of today from a broader perspective still seems very significant and particularly necessary. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Topics covered may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Ethical dilemmas and the rise of early Confucianism;
- Ethical thoughts in the early classical texts of Confucianism;
- Ethical views of the representatives of early Confucianism;
- Modes of ethical argument in early Confucianism;
- Ethical debates between early Confucianism and Daoism /Mohism;
- Comparative studies on early Confucian ethics between China and the West.

I look forward to receiving your valuable contributions.

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