

Special Issue

Indigenous Conversion(s) to Islam: Causes, Processes, and Consequences

Message from the Guest Editor

Furthermore, while some Indigenous converts largely abandon their former culture, others integrate Islam successfully. While most of these studies have looked at the causes and processes of Indigenous conversions to Islam, other important questions arise regarding the consequences of this trend, such as how the intersectionality of multiple minority statuses affect Islamic conversion and the differences between Indigenous cultures and the Islamic world. This Special Issue seeks to expand discussions around Indigenous conversions to Islam and approach the topic from a cross-regional perspective. The main goal is to identify local and global patterns and dynamics and provide up-to-date and analytical insights into the growing appeal of Islam among Indigenous populations across the world. We welcome original research articles that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- How and why Indigenous people embrace Islam;
- Their phases of conversion;
- Individual and societal consequences and challenges of Indigenous conversions to Islam;
- Similarities or differences between Indigenous cultures and Islam, and how they influence and shape each other;
- Deconversion;

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