

## Special Issue

# The Modern Reception and Interpretation of Daoism in East Asia and the West: A Comparative Perspective (19th–21st Centuries)

### Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue, which addresses a topic of growing contemporary relevance: the comparative significance, role, and interpretations of Daoism in both East Asian and Western modern thought. It seeks to address these gaps by fostering a deeper, interdisciplinary exploration of Daoism's evolving role in global intellectual history.

We welcome contributions that engage with these themes from historical, philosophical, religious, and cultural perspectives. **Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:**

- Esoteric interpretations of Daoist alchemy in the West and the East;
- The integration of Daoism in the works of modernization theorists of East Asian societies;
- Interpretations of Daoism in Western philosophy and popular culture;
- The connection of Daoism with East Asian dialectical philosophy and its reception in East Asian Marxist works;
- Evaluations of the role of Daoism in Western exact sciences.

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