

Special Issue

Traditional and Civil Religions: Theory and Political Practice

Message from the Guest Editors

The significance of religions in political life is both palpable and durable; whether in traditional forms or manifest as secularized civil variants, their enduring salience demands analysis. This Special Issue focuses on the practical, material aspects of such religious engagement in political life, the goal being to achieve insightful theoretical understandings of these complex, variable, and evolving phenomena. The scope of this call for papers includes, but is not limited to:

1) Traditional religions as they pertain to politics, both formally and informally. Expressions of religion by faith or belief-based associations, in social movements, in less formal aspects of sectarianism, and by other participants in civil society have influenced political outcomes.

2) Secular religions, e.g., civil regions and explicit ideologies that operate on similar bases of ideals, faith, and utopia.

The call welcomes diverse international case studies. Before submitting full papers, authors are invited to provide proposed titles and 200-300 word abstracts for review by the .

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