

Special Issue

Urban Governance of Interreligious Dialogue and Freedom of/from Religion

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites social scientists to contribute to the analysis of inter-religious dialogue through the lens of two analytical approaches. The first focuses on the role of inter-religious dialogue in the urban governance of religious diversity. The second concentrates on inter-religious dialogue as a social practice of freedom of/from religion. We invite authors wishing to contribute to this Special Issue to consider the following topics for their potential contributions: The role of local municipalities and religious/secular stakeholders in negotiating policy instruments for governing religious diversity in cities.

Good practices and challenges of inter-religious dialogue in public urban contexts (celebrations, events, rooms of silence, spiritual assistance in prisons and hospitals).

Inter-religious dialogue and forms of public religious/secular expressions.

Urban histories, social hostilities, and initiatives of inter-religious dialogue.

Inter-religious dialogue and societal meanings of freedom of/from religion.

Social representations of inter-religious dialogue within media discourses and citizens' attitudes toward religious diversity.

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