

Special Issue

Gods and Protests: Religious Belief and Social Action

Message from the Guest Editor

This issue investigates the known and potential impacts of religious belief on social responsibility and action. It explores historical trends and modern consequences, including notions of body, the individual and collective, distributions of power, imposed colonial binaries, networks of affinity allied around religious and social beliefs, the correlation between interpretation of sacred texts and sociopolitical positionality, and the impact of religious belief on social and political action, belief, and acquiescence. Its authors represent a diverse set of perspectives exploring the complexity and diversity of human experiences, interpretation, and religious belief. It sets these issues against a larger concern: what role does religion hold in social action? We invite proposals dealing with any aspect of how religious belief influences social action, and whether to encourage this action or to hinder it. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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