

## Special Issue

# African Religious Thought: A Dynamic Web of Traditions Impacting the Globe

### Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, awareness of the significance of the African religious thought— including its manifestations in the diaspora— has grown. The concept of African religious thought covers a wide range. It applies to African Traditional Religion(s) (ATR), in their diversity, from West Africa—such as the Yoruba—to Bantu religions, up to the San of Southern Africa, to Afro-Asiatic religions, and to Afro-American religions, such as Umbanda and Santeria. It also comprises African Instituted Churches (AIC's), with their syncretistic inclusion and retrieval of ATR thought and practices in a Christian frame, even within Pentecostalism. It may thus be regarded as a 'web of traditions', interwoven throughout history and into the present.

For this Special Issue on African religious thought, contributions are invited that explore aspects of this field. The unifying interest is to describe forms of religion and religious thought that belong to this web of traditions. Investigations may focus on the lines of tradition, as well as on their influence on Christianity, Islam, Esotericism, or others religions that came from outside of Africa and have taken root here and in the diaspora.

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