

Special Issue

Roots, Religion and Resistance: Unpacking the Spectrum of Black Nationalist Movements

Message from the Guest Editor

This issue will offer a comprehensive exploration of the diverse spectrum of nationalist movements within the African diaspora, including Pan-Africanism, Garveyism, Rastafarianism, Black Hebrew Israelites, the Nation of Islam, and Hoteps, among others. Our objective is to dissect and understand the intricate relationships between religion, self-identity, black resistance, and the aspiration for transformative futures as envisioned by these movements. We seek original research that provides a deep dive into the historical origins, religious underpinnings, and evolution of these movements. Contributions may address a variety of themes such as the unique histories and motivations behind each movement; the ways in which they have shaped religious, cultural, and personal identities; their political endeavors and influence; and their impact on gender and sexual identities. Furthermore, we encourage papers that discuss concepts of resistance, social nonconformity, the reframing of black worldviews, the pursuit of societal fulfillment, and the crafting of redemptive narratives in the context of Black struggle.

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