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Beyond the “Spice Routes”: Indic and Sinitic Religions across the Asian Maritime Realm

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Taking as its chronological framework the medieval period and stretching to the early modern period, this Special Issue will gather studies from both macro- and micro-historical perspectives as well as disciplines, including religious studies, history, art history, textual studies, and Area Studies. The contributions will explore the cross-cultural interactions occurred across the maritime spaces of the Bay of Bengal and the South China Sea and their surrounding landmasses, which played a pivotal role as crossroads in the traffic of ideas, religious beliefs, and ritual practices, but will also be anchored in local contexts, for instance Java (and, more generally, archipelagic Southeast Asia). In so doing, the Special Issue will provide a broad platform for comparisons with the transmission of Indic religions, for instance Buddhism, across the better-known Central Asian routes and the respective cultural entanglements.

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