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Religious Pluralism in the Chinese Diaspora of Southeast Asia

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Since the 19th century, the China migration waves have brought Chinese migrants to different parts of the world, especially to the Southeast Asia regions. With the existing religions in Southeast Asia, the Chinese diaspora further enriched the plurality of the society by importing Chinese culture and beliefs. Meanwhile, the Chinese diaspora and its religions have also been exposed in a plurality society, forming the scenery of religious pluralism.

This special issue includes papers focusing on different topics about religious pluralism among the Chinese diaspora of Southeast Asia. We focus on the plurality of overseas Chinese belief systems, including the Chinese Muslims and Chinese Christians community; the cross-community integration of the traditional Chinese religions and local indigenous cultures, such as the Na Tuk Gong beliefs in the Malaysian Chinese community; the interaction between the traditional Chinese religions as a minority religion and the majority religions community, for instance, the Muslims community in Indonesia and Malaysia; the surviving and developing strategies of the Chinese religions in the pluralistic societies.

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