

Special Issue

Self-Organized Religious Life: The Jiangnan Region as a Case Study

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite contributions to the Special Issue “Self-Organized Religious Life: The Jiangnan Region as a Case Study” in *Religions*. This Special Issue is devoted to forms of religious life that take shape through local practices, shared cultural traditions, and everyday religious activities, beyond centralized doctrinal frameworks or formal institutional authority.

In this Special Issue, original research articles, theoretical contributions, and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

Translation and transmission of religious texts in regional and local contexts;
The role of literary, artistic, and narrative media in constructing religious imagination;
The historical formation and transformation of folk religious symbols;
Ritual technologies for managing ethical conflict and emotional life;
Self-organized ritual practices and local religious order;
Sacred space, landscape, and material practices in lived religion;
Interactions among Buddhism, Daoism, Confucian traditions, and folk religion.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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