

Special Issue

Religion and Politics: Interactions and Boundaries

Message from the Guest Editors

The focus of this Special Issue will be on the connections between politics and religion, starting from the evolution of the relationship between States and Churches from the late Middle Ages to the contemporary age, in a long-term horizon. This Special Issue will consider the religious crisis of the 16th century as an important watershed, which saw religious confessions, arising from the Protestant Reformation and alternatives to the Roman Church, fighting for their stable affirmation in European territories.

Papers concerning the long history of this path will be accepted, as will ones concerning more specific and singular episodes or questions from the practical and theoretical aspects of the persecutions of Heresy in the late Medieval and early modern periods up to the twentieth-century reflections on religious tolerance and freedom.

Every possible interaction between the political and religious phenomena, including studies in the areas of freedom of religion or belief, non-discrimination, State/Church relations, confessionalization, and secularization, also developed from comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives, will be considered.

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