

Special Issue

Protestant Christianity in South Korea: The Dynamic Relationship of Church and State

Message from the Guest Editors

Christianity is now the largest religion practiced in modern South Korea, with great influence in state and non-state institutions. The Special Issue aims to explore a few aspects:

- cross-culturally (how a foreign religion forms a new identity construction and also contributes to the evolution of previous local identity concepts;

- socially (how Christianity changed and continues to influence South Korean society, which was traditionally oriented towards other authorities, and also influences state-organized reform processes and the legal sphere);

- in terms of education (let us remember the important role of Protestant Christianity in the establishment of South Korea's modern-day educational system);

- in the organizational aspect of the strong Protestant churches and in church-congregation interaction, forming a peculiar "state within a state";

- and in terms of mutual relations between society and the state, taking into account that Protestant Christianity has contributed to the consolidation of both the official position of the state and the opposition initiated by the society.

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