

Special Issue

Religion, Spirituality and Medicine: Insights into Contemporary Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite social science scholars to explore the intersections of religion, spirituality, and medicine across geographical contexts, fields of practice, and through a plurality of methodological as well as theoretical perspectives. We are interested in understanding whether and how the practical–discursive universes of religion, spirituality, and medicine overlap, blur, and/or clash in specific case studies, in addition to how social actors (e.g., hospital managements, patients, religious leaders, and spiritual seekers) navigate the porous boundaries between these dimensions. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

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- The inclusion of spirituality in healthcare contexts.
- The progressive role of therapeutic discourses in spiritual as well as religious practices and groups.
- Religious as well as spiritual healing groups and modalities.
- The governance of religious diversity in public institutions.
- Exploration of the “health/salvation” nexus.
- Perspectives on as well as approaches to the study of religion, spirituality, and medicine.

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