

## Special Issue

# Accommodating the Other: Negotiating Christianity, Indigenous Practices, and Colonialism in the Jesuit Reductions

### Message from the Guest Editor

The Jesuit reductions across the colonial Americas stand as significant and complex sites of cultural encounter between Indigenous peoples and European missionaries. Established primarily during the 17th and 18th centuries, these missions sought to evangelize Indigenous populations, organizing them into self-sustaining communities where Catholicism, European social structures, and Indigenous traditions intersected and, at times, fused. The Jesuit strategy of evangelization was distinct in its effort to protect Indigenous populations from colonial exploitation while encouraging cultural assimilation into Christian life through religion, the sciences, and the arts. We invite scholars to submit proposals for papers that explore the religious, cultural, and social dynamics within the Jesuit reductions throughout the colonial Americas, encompassing regions from the Amazon and the Andes to the Southern Cone and North America. We are particularly interested in contributions that examine the intersections of Christianity and Indigenous practices, as well as the ways in which Indigenous peoples engaged with, adapted, and at times resisted the missionary project.

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