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Canon Law and Secularization: Societal Trends and the Changing Role of Religious Law

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This Special Issue explores the evolving role of Canon Law in contemporary societies and the impact of secularization and globalization on its development.

The issue aims to 1) deepen the understanding of the changes brought about by secularization on Canon Law as a means to regulate the Church's mission in the world; 2) examine the influence of secularization on Protestant Church Law, Jewish Law, Islamic Law, and other religious legal systems.

We welcome submissions on the relevance of Canon Law and other religious laws in addressing cultural and religious identity issues within secularized societies. The issue covers various topics, including universal and particular Canon Law, reform processes, codification, synodality, and decentralization of Canon Law sources. Contributions from scholars on specific and general subjects are encouraged.

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