

Special Issue

Immigration and Religion in Polarized Times

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue focuses on immigration and religion in polarized times. The literature on immigration and religion is vast and has addressed the role of religious congregations in various ways. However, our current polarized times require a fresh look into this topic. The purpose of this Special Issue is to highlight new scholarly work invested in understanding the nuances of religions and congregations as co-agents of social division and/or unity. I invite scholars of diverse academic disciplines to submit their theoretical, historical, or empirical papers addressing how congregations and religions of different theological and ideological camps deal with the current social divisions as it relates to immigrants, refugees, and religious minorities. Papers focusing on polarization as exacerbated by issues of race, class, xenophobia, or political and economic ideologies need to make their connection to immigration and religion clear. Scholars from the Global South, investigating cases at the intersection of political polarization and religious minorities, are particularly encouraged to submit.

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