

Special Issue

Sacred Geographies and Pilgrimage

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue invites interdisciplinary contributions to explore sacred geographies of pilgrimages and religious tourism. Sacred sites serve as vital spiritual landmarks, preserving cultural heritage and fostering community connections to the divine. Historically, these sites have facilitated religious travel, driven by spiritual feelings, while modern religious tourism often emphasizes knowledge-seeking. Today, many pilgrims prioritize comfort over ascetic experiences, with some viewing the journey as more important than the destination. Sacred spaces also inspire new spiritual understandings and movements, often appropriating existing rituals. This call for papers examines contemporary perceptions of sacred geographies, the interplay between tradition and modern spirituality, and the impact of geopolitical factors on pilgrimage. Topics of interest include: pilgrimage and ritual; sacred site governance; religious destination management; religious networks and assemblages; the spatiality of religion; religious mobilities; sustainability and sacred sites; protection of sacred spaces; and geopolitical considerations of sacred geographies.

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