Special Issue

Sacred Algorithms: Religion in the Digital Age

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite proposals for the upcoming Special Issue "Sacred Algorithms: Religion in the Digital Age", which seeks to explore the complex and evolving relationship between religion, spirituality, and algorithmic technologies. We welcome submissions from a broad range of disciplines, faith traditions, and cultural contexts. Original research articles and critical reviews are welcome. Suggested themes include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Algorithms and ritual: Automation, embodiment, and performativity in online religious practices;
- AI-generated religious content: Prayers, homilies, scripture reinterpretation, and sacred images;
- Digital spiritual authority: Influencers, livestream preachers, and TikTok theologians;
- Surveillance, ethics, and theology: Facial recognition, data ethics, and religious freedom;
- The sensory and affective dimensions of digital religiosity: VR churches, mobile prayer apps, and AI confession;
- Religious discourse and misinformation in the platform economy;
- Cybertheology and posthuman spirituality: Theological responses to the age of the machine;
- Religion and technology in the Global South..[..]

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