

Special Issue

Religion, Mobility, and Transnational History

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of *Religions* invites scholars to explore how mobility has influenced the development of transnational spiritual networks. We encourage analyses of how historical figures—pilgrims, missionaries, refugees, and migrants—have navigated political, cultural, and social borders to practice their faith. Scholars should consider how external factors like war, economic changes, and technology shape religious movements and identities, contributing to the ongoing "transnational turn" in history. By examining communities from Jerusalem to rural Appalachia, the issue aims to illuminate how mobile religious subjects foster interconnectedness among societies, while also challenging and reinforcing national identities. Additionally, the Special Issue seeks to address how the movement of religions through trade, cultural exchange, and immigration has sparked debates on orthodoxy and tradition, highlighting the challenges faced by transnational religious groups and their efforts to preserve their faith in a changing world.

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