

Special Issue

Sociology of Law, Human Rights, and Religious Freedom

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue provides an opportunity for interdisciplinary discussion about two overlapping processes of the implementation of religious freedom in contemporary societies. The first process can be described as the increasing legal regulation of religion by the state (Cumper and Lewis 2019) and characterized by the expansion and differentiation of laws on religious freedom.

The second process refers to the concomitant growing need in cultivating respect towards other's freedom in matters of religion and non-religion at the level of groups and individual relations in pluralistic societies (Grim and Finke 2011; Berger 2014; Giordan and Pace 2014; Beaman 2017; Modood 2019). It also indicates multiple centers of norm-making related to religious freedom, questioning the role of dominant and minority religions and public institutions within them.

We invite scholars to contribute original research on religious freedom by emphasizing the importance of cross-national and cross-cultural approaches in this research field.

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