

Special Issue

Religion and the Shaping of States, Policies, and Citizens in Contemporary Asia

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This Special Issue welcomes original academic papers exploring the role of religions in shaping states, policies, and citizens in contemporary Asia. More specifically, it aims to achieve three inter-related goals. First, each paper in this Special Issue is expected to provide novel empirical information and scholarly insights on how religion makes and shapes politics, diplomacy, international relations, and state–society relations in contemporary Asia. Second, the different papers in this Special Issue will form natural comparisons between different countries, areas, and aspects, illustrating how the roles of religion in shaping states, policies, and citizens are similar or different under various circumstances. Finally, collectively, the papers in this Special Issue will hopefully reveal specific patterns of religion’s political and social functions in contemporary Asia, contributing to the theoretical development in relevant fields.

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