

Special Issue

Religion and Public Health Threats in the 21st Century

Message from the Guest Editor

The focus of this issue is on the role of religion in addressing public health threats plaguing societies in the 21st century. Past books or edited volumes provide overviews of religion as a social determinant of public health; scientific evidence of the religion–health link; spirituality’s role in medicine; and religion connections with specific health areas (e.g., mental health, adolescent health). This volume will emphasize religion connections to key public health challenges in the last two decades, including but not limited to the current COVID-19 crisis.

This volume aims to include original papers from a variety of sociocultural and religious contexts, theoretical perspectives, and methodological approaches (quantitative, qualitative, mixed-method, community-engaged research, intervention trials, etc.).

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