

Special Issue

Material Culture and Religion: Perspectives over Time

Message from the Guest Editors

The first expressions of what we currently understand as materializations of religiosity have been expressed since prehistoric times, in objects made of stone, bone, or through elements engraved or painted on various supports.

By investigating this materializing culture, we appropriate spirituality, religious devotion, symbolism, the feelings of those who produce them and build the history of religions. Through the ages, with greater incidence in modern times, religious material culture generates a flow of thousands of pilgrims and visitors associated to the souvenir trade, which has also allowed the social and economic sustainability of the populations of various places in the world, related to different religions.

However, the production of scientific literature on these and related themes is still scarce. With this Special Issue we intend to fill these gaps, encouraging researchers from different areas, in a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary way, diachronically and/or synchronically, and in a transversal manner, to explore the possibilities of investigation of the various forms of expression of religiosity through material culture.

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