

Special Issue

The Role of Religion in the Public Sphere

Message from the Guest Editors

Today, the sacred is showing few if any signs of retreating from the public sphere. Not only has religion been, as José Casanova argued, effectively “deprivatized” throughout much of the developed world in the last few decades, but even among the most economically advanced states, it is showing increasing signs of vitality, as reflected in recent controversies over the composition of the U.S. Supreme Court or religion’s role in bolstering populist and identitarian movements across Europe.

Drawing on anthropological, economic, political, and sociological perspectives, this Special Issue seeks to explore how and why religion manifests in the contemporary public sphere. While this appeal is open in terms of geographic scope and methodology, the is especially interested in contributions that tackle the present-day role of religion in contexts where proponents of the secularization theory had predicted its relevance would diminish in the face of modernity.

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