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Trauma and Lived Religion in Times of Pandemic: Resilience and Responses

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The aim of the Special Issue is to bring together scholars from different areas, disciplines, and interests to explore the links between lived religion and trauma studies in the context of pandemic times. Using lived religion as an approach to the interdisciplinary study of trauma allows for a wider interpretation of meaning and also provides an opportunity for a better understanding of spirituality, resilience, hope, anxiety, meaning making, religious coping, and rituals. It is this lived experience that itself invites an interdisciplinary approach and more inclusive and nuanced interpretations. Granting recent scholarly developments in attending to the disrupting power of traumatic experiences and its influence on lived religious world making, a profound reflection on the meaning of trauma for society, identity, religion, and everyday life in pandemic times is called for.

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