

Special Issue

Esoteric Buddhism in East Asia: Texts and Rituals

Message from the Guest Editor

We would like to draw your attention to this Special Issue, "Esoteric Buddhism in East Asia: Texts and Rituals", to be published by Religions (https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/east_asian_religions). Contributors are invited to add to the topic by presenting case studies addressing any form of Esoteric Buddhism in China, Japan, Korea, or India and Tibet while relevant, between the medieval period and the present day. Research papers may focus on, but are not limited to, the following topics:

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- Monastic practices derived from Esoteric rituals or texts;
- Material culture and objects harnessed by Esoteric Buddhism;
- Doctrinal evolution in Esoteric Buddhism;
- Historical analysis of the trajectories of Esoteric Buddhist traditions;
- Local and transnational transmission and transformation of Esoteric Buddhism.

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