

Special Issue

Religion, Ritual, and Healing— 2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

This Issue will examine religion and healing as distinct yet interconnected cultural systems. Religious systems across diverse cultural contexts often share a common underlying structure with following core elements: (1) beliefs in spiritual or transcendent realities, encompassing spirits, deities, or philosophical and ethical principles; (2) rituals aimed at interacting with, influencing, or harmonizing these realities; (3) specialist religious leaders or practitioners who guide community members in understanding and engaging with these realities through rituals; and (4) critical reflection within religious traditions themselves, facilitating dialogues with medical systems.

We invite contributions exploring how rituals mediate interactions between religious beliefs and healing practices across different cultural contexts. Detailed ethnographic descriptions, historical analyses documenting systemic evolutions, and comparative studies of religious healing practices are especially welcomed. Additionally, we encourage examinations of religious rituals as holistic healing mechanisms, addressing physical health, spiritual conditions, and social integration and solidarity.

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