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Latin American Theology of Liberation in the 21st Century

Message from the Guest Editors

In the mid-20th century, Latin American Christian Churches underwent a significant transformation, birthing Liberation Theology. Departing from traditional methods, this theology centered on the plight of the poor and oppressed. This shift marked the South American Churches' reception of the Vatican II Council, emphasizing humanity's overarching concerns, particularly regarding justice for the marginalized. Despite ongoing poverty and injustice, Latin American theology has evolved, prioritizing the integration of faith, religion, and justice in societal contexts. Over the past 50 years, it has broadened its scope to encompass not only economic and political dimensions but also anthropology and cultural studies. Challenges such as ecological, gender, racial, and ethnic inequities continually shape theological discourse. Pope Francis's election in 2013 renewed global attention on Latin American theology, prompting a resurgence in the Catholic Church's engagement with regional issues. This Special Issue seeks contributions addressing various aspects of Liberation Theology and its implications in Latin America.

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