

Special Issue

Chinese Religious Cultures: Historical Traditions and Modern Interpretations

Message from the Guest Editors

Chinese religion has been playing a critical role in shaping China's civilization development. With a long history and continuous traditions, Chinese religious cultures are dynamic and mainly consist of Buddhism, Daoism, Islam, Catholic, Protestantism, Confucian religious thoughts and diverse folk religion. We hope that this Special Issue will contribute to a better understanding of the characteristics of Chinese religions and Chinese cultural tradition.

For this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

Interpreting Chinese religious cultures and scriptural texts with modern theories of religious studies;

Exploring the modern value and significance of Chinese traditional religious cultures in China;

Comparative studies on Chinese religious cultures with the perspective of modern communication and mutual learning among civilizations;

The influence of important Chinese religious rituals, practices, figures, conceptions, theories, thoughts, events and places on the modern Chinese society.

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