

Special Issue

Religious Beliefs, Journalism, and International Affairs

Message from the Guest Editor

Religion has reemerged as an important actor in foreign policy. Scholars have noted that much of the security concerns that predominate in the media are linked to specific religious groups (e.g., Islamic terrorism). This special issue on “Religious beliefs, journalism, and international affairs” will provide a venue for scholars working on related issues to present their work and engage in conversation with one another. We invite established, junior, and independent scholars, as well as professional journalists, to explore this nexus from multiple perspectives and disciplines (single discipline, cognitive science, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, cross-cultural, comparative). Contributions could offer theoretical analysis or empirical data (interviews, media analysis, contextual analysis, history) that contextualizes specific cases (communities, groups, individuals, institutions, systems) and is grounded in theoretically-informed analyses. Contributions using diverse methodology and mixed-methods are welcome. We hope to receive original proposals from many countries that study specific cases or look at these issues on a global level.

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