

Special Issue

Media, Religion and Celebrity Culture

Message from the Guest Editor

In contemporary media-saturated societies, religion has often taken to use media to advance spiritual goals, whereas the media has used religion to create affect among viewers, to depict social events, and to discuss current issues. Media has increasingly changed and diversified with time, transnationalism took root in the mediascapes and religions. In such an ever-changing cultural sphere, it is important to explore the connections between media and religion with a focus on the roles, activities, and meanings of celebrities. This Special Issue aims to broaden the discussion on the entwinement of religion, media, affect, and leadership. Articles sought for this issue can discuss a range of religion theory and practice centered on specific people who are celebrities in their fields, including monotheistic, polytheistic, and vernacular practices and beliefs. Using religion to analyze secular celebrity cults is also highly sought. In this Special Issue, research areas may include the following: anthropology, ethnomusicology, psychology, folklore, communication, and history. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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