

Special Issue

Politicization of Religion from a Global Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

At the beginning of the 21st century, religion, far from simply being an instrument of national and international political actors, continues to play important political roles, even in the most secularized parts of the world. Discussing global religious politicization, this issue moves beyond church–state relations to focus on the influence of religious beliefs and faith practices on global developments in politics and security, such as conflict resolution and peacekeeping, the role of faith-based NGOs in international development, global religious diasporas, regional and international integration, the emergence of transnational faith networks, etc.

The purpose of the Special Issue is to reconcile these seemingly antagonistic positions by investigating the contexts in which religion may be destructive for the global order and the contexts in which it promotes international security and development. Scholars dealing with all aspects of global religious politicization are welcome to submit proposals. Preference will be given to comparative studies covering multiple regions of the world. The temporal scope of the issue is limited to today's problematics.

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