

Special Issue

Religion, Right and International Relations

Message from the Guest Editor

What we think of as religion and rights encompasses ideas, movements, and institutions that transcend national boundaries. In recent experience, religious networks (both official and informal) have inspired and sustained movements for rights and institutions in cases as diverse as Latin America or South Africa, Eastern Europe or Ireland, or the United States. How all this fits within what we think of as ‘international relations’ presents a challenge to contemporary social science. States are often challenged by religious and rights efforts, which can engender conflict with other states. These issues have rarely been addressed in comparative terms. This proposed Special Issue of Religions is distinguished from others in the field by its combined emphasis on religion and rights as they impact the theory and practice of international relations. We invite original submissions on theory, issues, and specific movements, national or transnational, with particular attention to their engagement with states and their impact on inter-state relations. Submissions may be historical or contemporary in focus. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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