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Religion and International Relations: What do we know and how do we know it?

Message from the Guest Editor

Twenty years after 9/11 the study of religion and international relations is in flux. Some see the key issue to be the impact of religion on international conflicts. Others stress the multiple roles of both state and non-state actors in relation to international co-operation, focused on collective efforts to tackle pressing global problems, including: the climate emergency, improving the position of females, religious freedom and, more generally, and human rights. In short, the range of concerns which could be included under the rubric of religion and international relations are numerous. In addition, what is the appropriate position of the topic in international relations theory? To understand and account for the roles of religion in international relations, do we need a new theory or can we incorporate the relevant concerns within existing theoretical frameworks? More generally, how today can we hope to understand the myriad potential components in the complex mosaic of religion and international relations?

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