

Special Issue

The Role of Religions in a Pluralistic Society

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will explore and scrutinize the role of religion today. Increasing diversity in various societies due to multiple factors has an impact not only on religious diversity but also on the role of religions in the various societal domains. The pivotal issue is that of integration (or clash?) among various cultural, religious and spiritual traditions in an increasingly multicultural social context—which, however, often fears an intercultural approach. Although religions have experienced substantial changes to their diffusion and nature over time, one fact remains constant: they are inextricably entangled with the history, economics, politics and culture of societies and individuals. The editors will call for original contributions which develop the debate by considering various contexts (with both a comparative and single focus), social groups and religion(s) from scientific perspectives such as sociology, anthropology, psychology, economics and political sciences. Furthermore, papers using a mixed-method approach, presenting research findings or innovative and original analyses based on international surveys, will be welcome.

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