

Special Issue

Religions and Public Health: Critical Insights from Religious Studies

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Articles for this special issue should provide *an analysis of the influences of religion on public health and development by describing alignments and/or tensions between these domains*. We encourage papers that provide an even-handed, critical assessment on this topic by employing concepts and methodologies often employed in religious studies or related disciplines.

Papers from scholars or practitioners are encouraged and papers from multiple authors representing a variety of disciplinary backgrounds are especially welcome. We seek to explore a variety of global contexts in the issue and so representation from various religious traditions and spiritual practices, geographic regions, historical periods, and disciplinary approaches will play a role in determining the papers chosen for inclusion.

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