

Special Issue

Religion and the Survival of Mass Atrocity: Trauma and Memory

Message from the Guest Editors

The way people found and find strength and solace in religion during mass atrocities is an understudied topic. With this volume, we want to describe and discuss why and how religious memories and sentiments were so significant for victims of mass atrocity in the mind-numbing environments of persecution, concentration camps, and genocide. There are many descriptions of how religious, literary, and philosophical communication with the divine or the transcendent have helped people overcome humiliation, starvation, and attempts to destroy their identity and human dignity. Consequently, we do not want to limit ourselves to institutionalized religiosity but we will pay attention to collective religious experiences. Throughout we will focus on the ways religious feelings transform hate, revenge, and resistance and how they can also be found in the many ways people looked for new forms of connection and distance. Questions we pose are about the way religion could help retain a sense of selfhood, autonomy, and resilience and how religion was a source of resistance. We are keen to receive contributions approaching our theme from a comparative perspective.

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