



Pilgrimages of Repair: Journeys to Return, Rebuild and Restore

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues:

As our world continues to reflect fractures, conflict, war, and trauma, we are faced with how to proceed after such fissures. What does it mean to share spaces together in ways that bear little resemblance to that which existed before the conflict? We often look to institutions and historical exemplars for indicators to help us rebuild and repair that which was lost, broken, and/or destroyed. However, how might we look to pilgrimages to help us frame meaning in our current circumstances?

How do we engage the notion of repair in the context of pilgrimages? The scope of this special issue of Religions is to explore such journeys.

Other thoughts to ponder:

How do pilgrimages repair? Are sites restored because of these journeys? Is meaning reconstructed? How are experiences integrated?

What about virtual pilgrimages? Can they repair?

How do journeys provoke a sense of seeing a place with new eyes?





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