



Religious Governance and the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Asian Context

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This Special Issue focuses on examining a newly shaping relationship between religion and secular regimes due to the recent pandemic, as well as providing an insight into regional similarities and differences in Asian regions. The COVID-19 pandemic in Asia has triggered new public debate of how to restrict religious freedoms and how to guarantee fair treatment between religious majorities and minorities.

This issue will contribute to finding a new model of religious governance appropriate to the pandemic era in theory, in practice, and by politics. Although all authors interested in this problem are invited to this issue, regardless of their methodological perspectives or hypotheses, we Editors prefer articles reflecting political, social, and cultural specifications of each country in Asia. This issue eventually aims to discover an Asian type of religious governance in terms of the interaction between religion(s) and its contexts, the COVID-19 pandemic in particular.





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