



## What Is Philosophy of Religion? Definitions, Motifs, New Directions

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### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue addresses the ongoing debate concerning the nature and definition of “philosophy of religion.” While the analytic philosophical tradition involves itself in the question of God, so does continental tradition with equal force. Yet, rarely has there been sufficient attention paid to the exploration of varying methods and vocabularies employed in either tradition. The scope of the present Special Issue asks broader methodological questions: What is philosophy of religion as such? Does such a disciplinary category, “philosophy of religion”, maintain its integrity as a genuine academic mode of inquiry, given such variety? We encourage analytic or continental perspectives as well as early medieval, early modern, and late modern figures to be examined. Other thematic questions could include the following: What is the origin of continental philosophy of religion, or of analytic philosophy of religion? Are there foundational principles that define the spirit of philosophy of religion? Many more dialogues could be opened up in this domain and are welcome to be submitted to the guest editor for consideration.





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