



## Freedom and Entrapment: Intersections and Collisions in Gender, Sexuality and Religion

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The aim of the special issue is to explore a number of central problematics in the field of gender, sexuality and religion. The focus will be on the tensions between the rights of religions to freedom of speech and worship and the need for gender equality and safety and protection against family and gender based- violence. Currently this is an unsettled space, with religious traditions making claims for specific inclusions in human rights laws in many countries to protect religious values and independence. Problematically, these values are often based on patriarchal claims and discriminate against women and LGBTQI+ populations. This raises the issue of the relationship between religion and state and particularly the responsibilities of the modern liberal state in ensuring the equity and safety of all citizens and protecting the rights of minority groups.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following: gender and religion; feminist theory; feminist theology; religion and politics; religion and social theory.

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