

Special Issue

The Global Urgency of Interreligious Studies

Message from the Guest Editor

This issue of *Religions* confronts a “secular myopia” that assumes major challenges of the twenty-first century can be effectively diagnosed and addressed without significant engagements with religion. This volume posits both a primary value for interreligious reflection as well as its increasing urgency. In addition, by emphasizing both the academic and pragmatic relevance of IRS, the contributions in this Special Issue represent what we can call “scholarship with legs”. This invites multidisciplinary analysis that is, in fact, characteristic of the field of IRS. It also contains an implicit promise that analysis will embolden and mobilize constructive interreligious efforts for the sake of the world we all share, and the world we want our grandchildren to inherit. With all this in mind, this volume will help locate IRS within the broader landscape of religious studies while focusing on interreligious contributions to global challenges. We seek submissions that reflect a plurality of religious orientations and explore specific social and environmental issues.

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