

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### **Routledge International Handbook of Religion in Global Society**

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This is a Call for Abstracts to contribute to the Routledge International Handbook of Religion in Global Society (target publication: 2018). We are particularly interested in contributions from early career scholars from around the world.

The study of religion is at a turning point, along with religion itself. This book will capitalise on the emergence of a new paradigm, which considers religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as globally interconnected and mediated by new geopolitical and market logics.

This volume will showcase new approaches to religion, which work across boundaries of religious tradition, academic discipline, and region.

Please consider the following rationale for your proposed papers.

You may send your proposed title, abstract (no more than 500 words), name, and affiliation to Jayeel Cornelio ([jcornelio@ateneo.edu](mailto:jcornelio@ateneo.edu)) by July 15, 2017.

#### **RATIONALE**

The volume understands changes in religion since the 1980s as shaped by wider socio-political-cultural changes of the period. The shift is from one dominated by modernist national-statist formations and alliances to one in which forces, institutions and ideologies of neoliberalism, consumerism, migration, and mediatisation have become major structuring vectors. But at the same time we also see a pushback from anti-globalisation movements of right and left and a

return to the nation and/or more locally based identities. Growing environmental concern and the concept of the Anthropocene add an additional element.

This is how the handbook characterizes the contemporary state of global society. As a result, 'soft power', including religion and competing forms of secularity and 'no religion', come to be central in new geopolitical configurations and contestations of power. Recognizing these new configurations, this handbook will interrogate the past, present and futures of religion in global society.

The handbook welcomes contributions approaching religion at different levels of society (whether local, regional, national, transnational) -- the macro, meso and micro. For example, chapters can focus on internal transformations that occur within religious institutions; on the changing nature of practices, belief, adherence, piety and devotion among individuals; or the changing role of religious organizations with respect to politics, the economy and other social institutions. Some contributions may discuss how religious movements are taking on global issues. Others will take a theoretical perspective and try to make sense of the current situation, even when this requires rethinking existing theories and concepts.

The handbook is multidisciplinary in approach and organized according to the following themes. We invite contributions from scholars around the world, particularly those who are in their early careers. Our aim is to make this handbook the first to go beyond Western-centric appraisals, and present a truly global portrait. Contributions dealing with dynamics around the world are therefore solicited.

The following topics are indicative only, and will change in response to submissions.

## **A. CONTEXT**

1. Introduction: a new approach
2. Theorising religion in a global context
3. Global demographics of religion
4. Globalization and the national
5. Rethinking religious traditions
6. Authority and individualization

## **B. INDIVIDUALS, IDENTITY, and INTIMACIES**

7. Generations
8. Religion, sex, family and gender
9. Intimacy
10. Global classes
11. Religion and identities

## **C. MARKETS, MEDIA, and CULTURES**

12. Branding religion
13. Merchandising religion
14. Digital religion
15. Popular culture
16. Religion and fashion

## **D. MOBILITY AND MIGRATION**

13. International migration and mobility
14. Missionaries and traveling gurus
15. Transnationalism and diasporas
16. Migrant religious settlements
17. Pilgrimage and religious tourism

## **E. COMMUNITIES and MOVEMENTS**

18. Moderates versus fundamentalists
19. The shape of religious organizations
20. Networks and virtual communities

21. Religious spectacle, pilgrimage and festivals

22. Global subcultures

23. Religion and science

## **F. POLITICS, THE STATE and INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

24. Secularism and the post-secular

25. State governance of religion

26. Religion and civil society

27. Radicalization, securitization and terrorism

28. Religion and law

29. Religion and supranational organizations

30. Religion and populism

## **G. GOVERNANCE AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

31. Governance of religious diversity

32. Religion and education

33. Religious freedom

34. Religion and development

35. Religion, peace and violence

36. Religion in international relations

37. Religion and the environment