

Call for Papers

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Religious Plurality and Tolerance in East Asia

A recent research trend in our globalized world approaches the issue of religious plurality and tolerance. The notion of “religious plurality” here refers to the situation in which several religious expressions and organizations coexist in the same society. Religious traditions based on a single truth and exclusive faith have often been considered as an obstacle to social cohesion and a source of conflict in plural societies. In East Asia, different religious traditions have been coexisting for nearly two millennia, but this history is not bereft of underlying tensions.

The topic considered in this issue of *Extrême-Orient, Extrême-Occident* does not aim to determine whether religions are at the origin of conflicts or whether they pursue an ideal of harmony, but rather to understand their interactions within a given society by exploring how religious plurality works as well as its cultural and social consequences. What are the phenomena related to this plurality that can be observed in East Asian countries, past and present? What characterizes their ways of coexistence and their expressions of tolerance or intolerance?

This issue seeks to go beyond a simple essentialistic approach to better analyze the constitutive elements of the dynamism induced by religious plurality in East Asia. Different themes will therefore be given priority, starting with the context in which religious contact occurs, the internal and external challenges and power relations between the groups concerned, the place and role that one or more religions occupy in a society, the factors underlying the dynamism of religious plurality and, finally the attitudes, discourses and strategies adopted through these contacts (tolerance, integration, collaboration or even competition).

We therefore expect submissions that address religious interactions at different times and the question of whether or not plurality is taken into account in state policies, as well as the views of individuals or groups on these various religions.

Submissions, in English or in French, should follow the guideline available here:

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Articles are expected to be submitted no later than September 30th 2020.

If you are interested in contributing to this issue, the editors kindly ask you to submit a tentative title before May 31th.