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Catholicism represents an important area of research in sociology as well as across a number of disciplines. As literature on Catholicism in certain contexts substantially expands, there still remains the need for recent qualitative and quantitative data in specific national contexts via a comparative perspective. In the discussion on secularism and diversity, there exist open questions on the way culture, heritage, and religion intersect or differentiate (political regulation of diversity). Law, education, religious heritage, chaplaincies, collaborations between state and civil society—these are just a few areas of social life where these dimensions are rapidly changing. The relation between Catholicism and the media poses a number of questions as well.

As a global religion, with the pope being a religious leader as well as a head of state of the Vatican, Catholicism has developed, especially since the 1980s, a new way of conducting diplomatic relations and interfering with national and international policies. Pope Francis' papacy is revealing a divided Church on many matters, globally and at the Curia, between the centre and the local Churches. Catholic leaders have been involved in many contentious debates on sexuality and gender, with different legal, social, and religious impacts (biopolitics). Transnational networks and religious mobility are creating new forms of popular religion and Catholic movements.

To explore these issues we propose to include articles around the following themes:

1. Catholicism and culture
2. Catholicism and media
3. Catholicism and international relations
4. Transnational practices, movements, and popular religion
5. Catholicism, gender, sexuality, and biopolitics
6. Catholicism, public policies, and institutions
7. Catholicism and other religions

The editors will seek out contributors who can address questions raised in the sociology of religion about Catholicism with authors representing regional and cultural variation.

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