

Journal of Historical Political Economy Call for Papers
Special Issue on Religion and Culture
In association with the 2023 ASREC Conference (Harvard University)

At its inception, the study of political economy examined how religion and culture produced variation across and within societies across different time periods. Recently, scholars of historical political economy (HPE) have returned to these fundamental questions about how beliefs, informal institutions, and identities relate to political and economic organization, distributional outcomes, and individual behavior. In particular, there are recent advances on the historical legacy of religion and culture (e.g., Bentzen & Gokmen 2022; Domènech & Sánchez-Cuenca forthcoming; Fouka, Mazumder, and Tabellini, 2022; Haffert 2022; Heldring, Robinson, and Vollmer 2021); the formation of religious/cultural identities and cleavages (e.g., Bazzi et al. 2019; Charnysh 2022; Saleh & Tirole 2021; Suryanarayan and White 2021); and the role of religion/culture in authority and administration (e.g., Rubin 2017; Doten-Snitker 2021; Doucette & Møller 2021; Gryzmala-Busse, 2020; Luft 2020; Wang 2022; Wilson 2018).

This special issue aims to explore the interplay between political economy, religion, and culture, from the near to distant past – a topic that is fundamentally interdisciplinary. Dialogue across sociology, political science, and economics will spark refinements and new insights. Through a historical lens, these conversations will contribute to social scientific understandings of religion and culture as they relate to several political and economic processes.

To these ends, we welcome submissions of empirical, theoretical, or methodological work, including comparative or single case studies. We encourage methodological diversity as well as varied geographic and historical scope. We are especially interested in submissions that are interdisciplinary in topic, approach, or authorship. Contributions might include:

- The role of religion/culture in the emergence of political or economic organization;
- The influence of religious groups or cultural communities in the distribution of power or resources within or across societies;
- The persistence of religious and cultural beliefs, behaviors, and/or institutions over time and their impact on political and economic beliefs, behaviors, and/or institutions;
- Economic studies of religious or cultural institutions and practices;
- The influence of political economy on religious or cultural belonging; and
- The measurement of religion and culture in historical studies.

Authors interested in contributing to the special issue should submit a manuscript draft, in addition to an abstract, for the ASREC 2023 Annual Conference by October 28, 2022. Those selected for consideration for the special issue will be presented at a set of special panels at the ASREC 2023 Conference at Harvard on March 17-18, 2023. One author from each chosen paper must present their paper at the ASREC conference; this is a critical part of the review process. Final manuscript submissions for publication in the journal will be due by October 28, 2023. The special issue will be published in March 2024.

Submission Guidelines

Full manuscripts should conform to the guidelines of the Journal of Historical Political Economy: no longer than 35 pages (double-spaced, 12pt font, one-inch margins), including all text, footnotes/endnotes, references, and tables/figures. Abstracts should be about 150 words. The title page and abstract do not count toward the 35-page limit. Details are available on the journal website: <https://www.nowpublishers.com/Journal/AuthorInstructions/HPE>.

Submissions will undergo cross-disciplinary review. Abstracts will be reviewed by the special issue editors. Full manuscripts should incorporate feedback from the editors and a conference panel discussant.

For more information on the special issue, please feel free to contact the special issue editors, Kerice Doten-Snitker (dotensni@chapman.edu), Avital Livny (alivny@illinois.edu), and Jared Rubin (jrubin@chapman.edu).