

EDITORIAL ADDRESS

The first issue of volume six of the *Journal of the Council for Research on Religion* (JCREOR) is a special issue on *Analyzing the Discourse of Religious Phobia*. The issue focuses on topics discussed at the Religious Phobia Symposium, held at McGill's School of Religious Studies from October 25th to 27th, 2023, including Hinduphobia, Islamophobia, and Anti-Semitism in public discourse. The papers in this issue examine how misinformation, media distortions, political biases, and colonial stereotypes have fostered negative images and assumptions about various religions. The contributors aim to understand the specific fears associated with different religious traditions, and explore whether terms such as Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and Hinduphobia are useful, not only for understanding these fears, but also for effectively addressing and reducing them.

The issue begins with James Loeffler's analysis of how a Jewish human rights tradition has developed in response to political crises, particularly within the context of the globalized Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Next, Indu Viswanathan examines how Hinduism and Hindus are often stereotyped or omitted in scholarly and media portrayals. The issue then features a retrospective essay by Amir Hussain, sharing his academic and personal experiences with interfaith cooperation, reconciliation, and healing in Canada and the U.S. The final articles address the modern concept of "Hinduphobia." Ashok Vohra questions the common perception of Hinduism as inherently inclusive, highlighting differences between religiophobia and theophobia, as well as Hinduism and Hindutva, while Jeffery D. Long discusses the validity of the term "Hinduphobia."

This research was funded by the SSHRC Connection Grant on Religious Phobia (611-2023-0188).

– Gerbern S. Oegema, Amanda Rosini, Elyse MacLeod & Shaun Retallick

JCREOR

(ISSN 2563-0288 online) is published twice a year (Spring and Fall) on the McGill University Library Open Access Publications platform (Montreal, Quebec).

JCREOR was born out of the McGill Center for Research on Religion (CREOR), which was active from 2006 to 2019. The journal is a web-based refereed interdisciplinary journal that publishes articles on all aspects of the scholarly study of religion.

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 1

Editors

Gerbern S. Oegema
McGill University

Arvind Sharma
McGill University

Patricia G. Kirkpatrick
McGill University

Amanda Rosini
McGill University

Elyse MacLeod
Yukon University

Shaun Retallick
McGill University

Editorial Review & Advisory Board

Philip Lagace
Dawson College

Ramdas Lamb
University of Hawaii

Lavanya Vemsani
Shawnee State University

Khalid Medani
McGill University

Yakov Rabkin
Université de Montréal

Frédéric Mégret
McGill University