

EDITORIAL ADDRESS

The first issue of volume seven of the *Journal of the Council for Research on Religion* (JCREOR) is a special issue on the *Sources of Religious Nationalism*. This issue examines religious nationalism as a complex, multidimensional phenomenon that functions not only as a political ideology but also as a textual, epistemic, and transnational practice. It explores how nations employ mythic structures, borders, laws, and historical memories to construct sacred identities, justify domination, and establish insider-outsider binaries.

Muhammad Afdillah opens the issue by showing how print culture and interpretive texts use “scriptural nationalism” to shape civic life. Mohammad Meerzaei then examines Henry Corbin’s “Iranian Islam,” showing how nationalist scholarship appropriates the religious “other” within Eurocentric frameworks. Roger Bauman traces similar cross-border narratives in African American Christian Zionist tours, where biblical themes advance global political aims. Patricia Tillman shows how conservative Catholic colleges use historical memory to sanctify right-wing identity. Andrew R. Polk explores how mid-century presidents used deliberate ambiguity to shield the state from criticism. Finally, Adam DJ Brett and Betty Hill reveal how the Doctrine of Christian Discovery codifies Christian dominance in modern law.

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