

**RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN AFRICA AND ASIA:  
Condition, Motor, Obstacle or Goal of Sustainable Development?  
55 Years after 1955 Bandung Asian-African Conference  
Book Project / Special Issue of a Journal  
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**PROBLEMATICS**

65 years after the World War II, 55 years after Bandung Asian-African Conference 1955 and 20 years after the Cold War, wars and violent conflicts still take place, not only between Nation-States, but also inside the Nation-States (e.g. conflicts around ethnic and religious differences).

It seems clear that the common denominator of those conflicts is the diversity (of ethnic groups, religious communities, economic modes of production, ideological stands,...), which is not taken into account or insufficiently taken into account in the governance within and among the Nation-States, so that it generates conflicts instead of well-being. And religious diversity is a potential source if not a real cause of social conflicts and wars between and inside the Nation-States.

So, the question is how do Nation-State, Civil Society Organisations and Religious Authorities deal with religious diversity in the context of globalisation? Do they consider religious diversity as a condition, a motor, an obstacle or a goal of sustainable development?

A collective work of researchers and activists of civil society organisations is needed to answer those questions. Two main “raw materials” are supposed to be the object of reflection. The first one is the “reality” of social life where two or more religious communities live together in peace or in conflict. The second one is the “discourse” of the Nation-State (constitution, law, presidential decree, governmental measures, police operations, army interventions, and other types of concept and practice by the agents of Nation-State), the Civil Society Organisations (NGO and academic world) and the Religious Authorities (Churches, Councils of Ulama, Buddhist Sangha Councils,...) regarding religious diversity.

The following topics may be proposed:

- The Legal-constitutional Challenges for the New Spiritual Movements
- Christianity Facing its Diversification
- Religion and Citizenship: the Challenge of Multiple Identities
- Religion in the Public Sphere: challenge or opportunity?
- Diverse Spiritualities in Global Society: Blessing or Chaos?
- Management of Religious Diversity: the Role of the State and Civil Society Organisations
- The Challenge of Spiritual Diversity for Transnational Religions in Globalised Society
- Ecospiritual Movement and Transnational Religions: Foes or Allies?
- Religions and environmental crises: contributions of religious concepts and practices
- Reframing the Mission: Religions in Transnational Social Movements
- Local Javanese Tradition and Islam: Acculturation or Peaceful Co-existence?
- Indigenous Religions, World Religions: should the State protect minority indigenous religions?

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