

# **Social Space and Religion**

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The purpose of this project is to contribute to theoretical development of anthropology to grapple with the realities of human experience beyond traditional frameworks of individual vs. society or subjective vs. objective. The key term here is 'social space' which refers to the space of agents who interact, or ensemble of relationships of interactions. It includes human and nonhuman materials.

Religion is one of the source of rich ethnographies. To focus on religion is expected to converge the discussion for the constructive theoretical developments of above purpose with stimulating and creative influence. This project includes anthropologists, social scientists and psychologists.