



Call for Papers for the Seventeenth Issue of the *International Journal of Catholic Studies*

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This journal adopts the peer review mechanism to maintain academic standards. It welcomes individual submissions or special research projects by teamwork; the latter will be published in the form of Special Theme. Other than the Special Theme, the rest is divided into three categories: Selected Topic, Forum, and Book Review. Selected Topic aims to explore the same topic from different angles. The Forum is for essays that do not belong to the selected topic. They could be any study on Catholicism, while dialogue and discussion on papers published in this journal or certain current phenomena in the Church and society are particularly welcomed. The scope of the Book Review focuses mainly on recent titles in the study of Catholicism and various ecclesiastical disciplines in Chinese and foreign languages.

The *International Journal of Catholic Studies* welcomes academic papers from Catholic and non-Catholic scholars. The essay must be original work that has not been published publicly. The word count for the Chinese essay is preferably between 8,000 and 15,000 Chinese characters, with a maximum of 20,000 characters. Chinese book reviews should be more than 3,000 characters. Essays in English should be between 6,000 and 10,000 words, with a maximum of 15,000 words. The English book reviews should be more than 1,000 words. Papers in either language must also include a 300-500 words/characters abstract in both Chinese and English and a few keywords. After receiving the manuscript, the editorial board will invite a blind peer review by two scholars. Review opinions will be returned to the author within two months. Once notification of acceptance is issued, the copyright of the manuscript goes to the journal. The editor has the right to modify the content, while major modifications will be discussed with the author. Accepted manuscripts must be revised according to the journal's style policy and submitted in Word format. The journal will be available in both digital and print formats, and each author will receive two complimentary print copies.



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**The Seventeenth Issue of the *International Journal of Catholic Studies*
Thomas Aquinas and Asia: Parallels, Encounters, Providence**

Since the (15th century and far earlier) arrival of Catholic missionaries in China, Japan, and other places in the Far East, there has been a long history of engagement between thought formed within the scholastic tradition and Asian philosophy or religion. However, there are also independent questions about the way that these Eastern schools of thinking interact with scholasticism more generally, rather than as a merely historical matter. Our special issue will be dedicated to all aspects of the encounter between scholastic thought and Asia; philosophical, theological, and historical papers are welcome.

Questions especially to be considered are: where might there have been lacunae in the historical interactions between these traditions? What areas show promise for more profound engagement between these traditions, when highlighting their compatibility or incompatibility? Are there figures in either tradition - especially those lesser-known - who can be brought into dialogue by sharing relevant features of their worldview or by providing a contrast that brings insight into the respective uniquenesses of each school? Are there particularly salient issues where progress might be made in showing that one school in a given tradition has made a definitive improvement over the views of another?



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Since this year is the 800th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Aquinas, priority will be given to papers that treat the interaction between Thomistic thought and Asian philosophical and religious traditions. The deadline for submission is **May 31, 2025**.

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