

We have been invited by Routledge to develop a handbook on *Religions in Contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean*. Our interest is to produce an accessible and comprehensive introduction to the main religious traditions, in their diversity, of Latin America and the Caribbean. It covers not only Christianity, but also vital, less visible religions, including Indigenous and Afro-descendant traditions, Judaism, Islam, Eastern traditions, as well as New Religious movements. This text presents a historical overview and explains how its religions coexist, intersect, and inform the extreme inequality, violence, and polarized politics that afflict the region today. The authors will analyze these paradoxes and many more through an interdisciplinary approach, namely focusing on religious, cultural, museum, and gender studies, as well as history, philosophy, psychology, sociology, and anthropology.

We would like to invite you to participate as an author to write a chapter of 8,000 words on Muslim Immigrants (international context, Lebanese/Syrians, later S. Asia). This chapter belongs to the introductory portion of the book, which aims to provide a broad picture of the development and presence of Islam in the region.

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