

Beyond Barbour's Four Models

DISCUSSION

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When we talk about science and religion, we often talk as though we know what 'science' and 'religion' are. And even if we are not sure exactly how to pin them down, we assume that the categories 'science' and 'religion' are meaningful and largely distinct. This may be a good working assumption modern-day Western societies, but it does not hold for all times or all places.

This discussion group brings together historians (to move away from modern-day perspectives) and Asian scholars (to move away from Western perspectives). From these vantage points we will attempt to move beyond the framing provided by Barbour's Four models for relating science and religion - *Opposition, Independence, Dialogue, and Integration* - and seek a more indigenously Asian framing.

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