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**On Johann Arnason and the Religio-Political Nexus with Reference to Lefort's  
Notion of the Symbolic**

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This paper discusses Johann Arnason's most recent turn to an articulation of the religio-political nexus. Arnason understands this nexus as a 'meta-institutional framework' of the civilizational dimension of human societies. The paper reconstructs some key contexts and intellectual sources for this shift in his work, and articulates the ways in which it builds on his understanding of 'cultural articulations of the world'. The paper concludes by considering some Lefortian insights on the theologico-political in relation to Arnason's understanding of the religio-political nexus.