

**NATURALISM—AS RELIGION, *WITHIN* RELIGIONS, OR *WITHOUT* RELIGION?**

IRAS, the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, will have its 66th conference

June 27 – July 4, 2020, at Star Island, NH

*What are the consequences of science-inspired naturalism for religion?* In this conference, we will explore and evaluate religious and non-religious options available to those who take science seriously. Briefly, these could be characterized as *replacement, reform, and rejection*. Speakers will be Owen Flanagan (philosopher), Marcelo Gleiser (cosmologist); Ursula Goodenough (biologist); Sarah Lane Ritchie (theologian); Carol Wayne White (philosopher of religion); Janet Newton (chapel speaker), Willem B. Drees (past-editor of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*). Program co-chairs Barbara Whittaker-Johns and Willem B. Drees. The conference will be on Star Island, a small island in the Atlantic, off the coast of Portsmouth, NH – a setting of great natural beauty.

**We invite proposals for short papers on the theme of the conference and on other aspects of the interactions of science and religion.** Topics can be approached from various perspectives, such as science, philosophy, religious studies or theology, history, psychology or sociology. They may consider traditions such as Christianity, Islam or Buddhism; contemporary developments such as religious naturalism, spirituality, or the rise of nones; naturalism in relation to philosophical topics such as moral motivation and values, consciousness, mathematics, or scientific methodology; the history of any such developments; their usefulness in addressing individual needs or global and planetary concerns; and so on.

We look forward as well to **proposals for panels with up to four participants**, addressing a particular issue from multiple angles.

**Proposals for *short papers* or *panels* are invited; deadline November 30, 2019; earlier submissions are evaluated on a rolling basis. See for more information and the submission form <https://www.iras.org/2020-conference.html>.**

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