The International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) is an international organization promoting the scientific research and exchange within the field of the psychology of religion. The Association is not partial to any particular trend but aspires to provide a platform for the entire spectrum of the scientific-psychological study of religion for psychologists of religion from all over the world.

Website: www.iaprweb.org

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http://www.iaprweb.org/membership.html

Benefits of membership:

1. Regular membership with the IAPR includes the subscription to the Archive for the Psychology of Religion. For regular members, print and online version are free.

2. Members of the IAPR pay reduced conference fees for the organization's conferences.

3. IAPR members receive special discounts for their subscriptions to:
   b) Mental Health, Religion & Culture: $100/£60/€80 instead of $386/£231/€441.

4. IAPR members receive the Association's e-mail newsletters which keep you in touch with the scientific community and inform you about conferences, job advertisements, funding opportunities, key publications, and the Association's latest developments and activities.
Dear IAPR members,

This month’s newsletter has a slightly different format but the same informative content!

If you would like to add information in future newsletters please e-mail me the text. This may concern general announcements, conferences (future and report from past ones), job opportunities, key publications, or any other information you think IAPR members might be interested in.

If you are an early career researcher (PhD student or postdoc) and would like to see your work featured in the newsletter, contact me also. Thank you,

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Awardees of the IAPR 2017 awards

The International Association for the Psychology of Religion has two prestigious awards for the purpose of honoring scientific work in the field of psychology of religion.

1.) The Early Career Award

The Early Career Award is intended to reward promising junior researchers in the field of the Psychology of Religion. It is awarded once every two years at the IAPR conference, for outstanding quality of research. Eligible for the Early Career Award are young scholars at the postdoctoral or early career academic level (holding a Ph.D. since 0 -5 years maximum). Excellence in the quality of research (as reflected in the publications) in the field of the Psychology of Religion is required.

The IAPR jury is very pleased to announce that despite fierce competition (with several worthy recipients among the nominees) the recipient of the 2017 early career award is Patty van Cappellen.

Patty received her PhD in Social Psychology from Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, in 2012 under the supervision of Vassilis Saroglou. Her dissertation dealt with the impact of positive emotions on religion and spirituality using a psychological and biblical approach. Since then, she moved to do a postdoc with Barbara Fredrickson on positive psychology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where she became Research Assistant Professor. She is now Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Behavioral Research Center at Duke University.

Dr. Patty Van Cappellen was selected because she has consistently performed original and high quality studies on important topics in the psychology of religion and spirituality, including awe, self-transcendence, submissive thoughts and behaviors, and prosociality. Her work also impressed by a recent, pioneering experiment demonstrating that intranasal administration of oxytocin facilitates spirituality, especially among people with certain oxytocin related genotypes. Patty has been an active participant in the field of the psychology of religion, and an active member of the IAPR for many years. To find more information about her research see: www.pattyvancappellen.com.
Awardees of the IAPR 2017 awards (cont’d)

2.) The IAPR Godin Prize for the Scientific Study of Religion

The Godin Prize is a scientific prize to be awarded to senior scholars (mid-life award) for their excellence in the scientific study of the psychology of religion. The Godin prize will be given every second IAPR conference, that is to say, once in every 4 years. The origin of the Godin Prize is a gift by Gregory Zilboorg to André Godin who was professor of psychology of religion at the Lumen Vitae Institute in Brussels, on March 15, 1956 in order to develop studies in the psychology of religion. The name of the prize on that moment was the Quinquennial Prize for the Scientific Psychology of Religion. After the death of André Godin in 1997, the committee decided to change the name of the prize to the Godin Prize. As a mid-life award the Godin Prize is aimed at senior scholars. Eligible candidates for the Godin Prize are midlife researchers, who conduct excellent research (as reflected in publications) in the field of the Psychology of Religion.

The IAPR jury is very pleased to announce that despite fierce competition (with several worthy recipients among the nominees) the IAPR 2017 Godin prize goes to **Wade Rowatt**, professor at Baylor University, Texas.

Wade Rowatt completed his Ph.D. in experimental psychology (social-personality specialization) at the Univ. of Louisville (1997) and his B.A. in psychology and philosophy at William Jewell College (1991). Throughout his research and academic career, he has been focused almost exclusively on psychology of religion. With his students and collaborators, he has developed an important research program on religion and prejudice that advanced much further, both theoretically and methodologically (types, predictors, underlying mechanisms, and religious forms of religious prejudice; both implicit and explicit measures; both experimental and survey research), our knowledge on a topic that is both classic for the field and socially important today. He has also past and ongoing work on the psychology of humility.
**Awardees of the IAPR 2017 awards (cont’d)**

2.) The IAPR Godin Prize for the Scientific Study of Religion

Overall, Dr. Rowatt’s work led to more than 50 publications, in journals and books in both psychology of religion and personality/social psychology; these publications have been highly cited. Finally, Dr. Rowatt has been a mentor of several PhD students who continue to serve the field today as academic faculty (in 2014, he thus received the Mentoring Award of APA Division 36). And has served the field and the community by assuming several responsibilities: founder and chair for many years of the Psychology of religion and spirituality preconference at the SPSP (Society for Personality and Social Psychology) Annual Convention, as well as associate editor of the Archives for Psychology of Religion (2012-2016) and The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion (since 2017).

**Both awardees will attend the next IAPR conference at Hamar and deliver a keynote speech on their work there.**

**Members of the jury**
Sebastian Murken (President, University of Marburg, Germany), Pehr Granqvist (University of Stockholm, Sweden), Kate Loewenthal (Royal Holloway, University of London, England), Adam B. Cohen (Arizona State University, USA), Vassilis Saroglou (University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium).
Call for Chapters: Assessing Spirituality and Religion in a Diversified World

This is a call for chapters focusing on diverse methods or religions in the assessment and measurement of religion and spirituality for an edited book entitled ‘Assessing Spirituality and Religion in a Diversified World: Beyond the Mainstream Perspective’. Written for an audience of researchers, students, laypersons, religious professionals, and psychologists of religion and spirituality, this book addresses an important problem in psychological research on global religions and spirituality: How to evaluate the role of diverse religious and spiritual beliefs and practices within the rapid evolution of spiritual globalization and diversification trends.

We are especially interested in chapters on Islam, Buddhism, and instruments developed or normed with individuals outside the United States and Western Europe.

Measurement in the psychology of religion has often focused solely on mainstream religious views and are short on attention to spiritual perspectives outside the West in the contemporary world. Many such studies are weak in empirical validation, partly resulting in their underutilization in the mainstream of psychology studies. Also, few religious or spiritual (R/S) measures have been employed in outcome research within the contexts of diverse cultures and populations. As social scientists begin to tackle increasingly diversified belief systems in the United States and around the globe, new challenges lie in assessing R/S concepts across different beliefs and cultures. In particular, an immediate gap for psychologists to meet is creating new or enabling existing instruments to validly and consistently assess R/S across diverse beliefs. To address the gap, the proposed book will reflect a collaborative scientific effort to lead in advancing R/S assessment with solid psychometric information corresponding to today's global trends. We aim to offer psychometric information for such tools/ instruments, including innovative measures and their performance across diverse groups and beliefs within the increasingly interactive world. The ultimate goal is to better understand the role of R/S across different faith and cultural systems, including non-Western ones, and to enrich the mainstream of psychological sciences and practices.

The chapter length we are looking for is 20-25 double-spaced pages long (5500-6875 words), plus references and an appendix including your scale(s). Authors have until September 2017 to January 2018 to submit their chapters for editing. Amy Ai, Paul Wink, and I are the editors of this text, which is a part of the series entitled Religion, Spirituality and Health: A Social Scientific Approach, edited by Alphia Possamai-Inesed and Chrisoper G. Ellison, www.springer.com/series/13437.

If you are interested in contributing a chapter to this text, please respond to me backchannel at drkevinaharris@gmail.com and let me know ASAP, and I will send you additional information. If you know of anyone who would make a good chapter contributor to this book, please pass that information along to me as well. Thanks!

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Psychology of Religion: Culture, Context and Existential Challenges

**LAST DAY OF SUBMISSION**

Location: Hamar, Norway

Dates: August 21-24, 2017

Submission deadline: March 1st, 2017

Registration deadline: April 1st, 2017

There will be continuous updates about the program, keynotes, pre-conferences, workshops, conference fees, accommodation, on the website [http://www.norway2017.iaprweb.org/](http://www.norway2017.iaprweb.org/).

Among the keynote speakers are professor Valerie DeMarinis (Sweden), professor Kenneth I. Pargament (USA), dr. Tatjana Schnell (Austria), and Dr. Mohammad Khodayarifard (Iran). We will also have lectures by the winners of the Godin Prize and the Early Career Award (see Announcements).

For researchers, this is a great opportunity to present their work in panels and symposia, and receive responses from fellow researchers from all over the world. For professionals in health care, education, religious institutions, etc., the conference will provide new insights of relevance for their practices. For us all, this is an opportunity for meeting old and new colleagues and to become updated on the research front in a huge and growing field.

Hamar is situated 125 km north of Oslo by lake Mjøsa, 55 min by train from Oslo Airport (Gardermoen). The conference will be at the Scandic Conference Hotel: [https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/norway/hamar/scandic-hamar](https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/norway/hamar/scandic-hamar).

Welcome to Hamar in August 2017!
Seventh International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society

Organizers: Religion in Society

Location: Imperial College London, London, UK

Dates: 17-18 April 2017

Submission deadlines
Regular Proposal Deadline 17 January 2017
Late Proposal Deadline 17 March 2017

Registration deadlines
Early Registration Deadline 17 October 2016
Regular Registration Deadline 17 April 2017

We invite proposals for paper presentations, workshops/interactive sessions, posters/exhibits, or colloquia addressing one of the following themes:

Theme 1: Religious foundations
Theme 2: Religious community and socialization
Theme 3: Religious commonalities and differences
Theme 4: The politics of religion

2017 Special Focus: Respecting Difference, Understanding Globalism

If you would like to present, start by submitting a proposal. You will need the following: presentation type, short/long descriptions, keywords, focus, themes, and biographical information.

For more information, see: http://religioninsociety.com/2017-conference/call-for-papers
Ex Nihilo
A “Zero Conference” on Research in the Religious Fields

Organizers: European Academy Of Religion

Location: Bologna, Italy

Dates: 18-21 June, 2017

Submission deadline: March 31, 2017

Registration deadline: May 30, 2017

The purpose of the conference—which will precede the first Convention to be held in March 2018—is to test the initiative of a European Academy of Religion as a research platform and as a network of networks. Fscire will host the conference and be in charge of all its organizational aspects.

Topics
• Millennials and Religion
• Religious Tourism in Europe
• Women and Religion

Forms
• Panel
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• Conference
• Disputatio

Registration and Fees
Fees have been set as follows: senior scholars and professors €60; students, PhD students, PostDoc, and early-career scholars €30. Travel grants of €200 may be available for scholars who do not have access to their own travel funds.

Special agreements for discounted rates will be concluded with hotels and restaurants. Fscire will organize complimentary artistic events and guided tours for the registered participants, and partially fund the gala dinner.

For more information, see: https://www.europeanacademyofreligion.org/
Religion, Society, and the Science of Life
2017 IRC-ISSR Conference

Organizers: The Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion (the University of Oxford) & the International Society for Science and Religion

Location: Oxford, United Kingdom

Dates: 19-22 July, 2017

Submission deadline: Friday, 28th April

Can a convergence between the humanities and biology—from Darwin and Lamarck to holism and epigenetics—shed light on human societies, narratives, and religions? This interdisciplinary conference will explore the implications of the life sciences for religion, values, morality, education, and meaning.

PLENARY SPEAKERS
Samantha Frost (University of Illinois)
Massimo Pigliucci (City University of New York)
Ullica Segerstrale (Illinois Institute of Technology)
Rebecca Stott (University of East Anglia)

Special ISSR Symposium:
Ottoline Leyser (University of Cambridge)
Michael Ruse (Florida State University)
Fraser Watts (University of Lincoln)

Call for papers: Short papers are invited on topics relevant to the conference themes, to be delivered in parallel sessions of 30 minutes duration (20-minute paper, 10 minutes discussion).

Those wishing to contribute a paper should submit a title, a 300-word abstract that situates the proposed paper against its relevant scholarly backdrop, and institutional affiliation by email to irc.admin@theology.ox.ac.uk with the subject line “Science of Life Conference Abstract.” For questions on paper submissions, please contact donovan.schaefer@theology.ox.ac.uk.

Registration: All those wishing to attend are invited to register via the University of Oxford online shop available through the conference website. http://www.ianramseycentre.info/conferences/2017-religion-society-science-life.html
Understanding Unbelief: Early Career Awards (RFP2)

Through a generous grant from the John Templeton Foundation, the University of Kent will make Early Career Awards to fund research and research activities undertaken by early career researchers. The Early Career Awards are provided as part of the Understanding Unbelief research programme, also funded by the John Templeton Foundation, with additional support from the University of Kent, St Mary’s University Twickenham, Coventry University and Queen's University Belfast. The Early Career Awards stream will provide £120,000 to support contributions from early career researchers to the task of advancing our empirical understanding of the array of phenomena commonly labelled ‘unbelief’.

The call for RFP2 Early Career Awards is now live.

We aim to make around 8 awards of around £15,000 for research activities lasting up to 18 months (proposals for research activities of shorter duration are also welcomed). We are now inviting full proposals for Early Career Awards. Funding may be used to support a number of research activities, including new research, further dissemination of existing research and seed funding for the development of future research projects.

For further details, including eligibility requirements and the application procedure, follow the link below:
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/non-religious-belief/understanding-unbelief/grant-competitions/RFP2

Deadline for full proposals: Thursday 1 June 2017

Kindest Regards

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