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## Announcements



Dear IAPR members,

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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## Measures of Spirituality/Religiosity: Description of Concepts and Validation of Instruments

*Special Issue Reprint*

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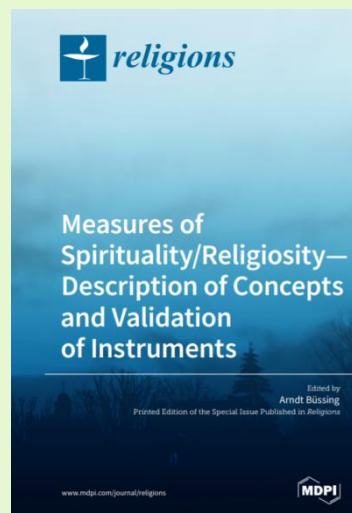
This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue ‘Measures of Spirituality/Religiosity - Description of Concepts and Validation of Instruments’ that was published in *Religions*.

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Why do we need more questionnaires to measure aspects of spirituality/religiosity when we already have so many well-tried instruments in use? One answer is that research in this field is growing and that new research questions continuously do arise. Several of these new questions cannot be easily answered with the instruments designed for previous questions. The field is expanding and, consequently, the research topics.

Meanwhile several multidimensional instruments were developed which cover existential, prosocial, religious and non-religious forms of spirituality, hope, peace and trust—and several more. The ‘disadvantage’ of these instruments is the fact that some are conceptually broad and often rather unspecific, but they might be suited quite well for culturally and spiritually diverse populations when the intention is to compare such diverse groups. This is the reason why more research on new instruments is needed as can be found in this Special Issue, and to stimulate a critical debate about their pros and cons.

For more information, or to order, go to:

<https://www.mdpi.com/books/pdfview/book/1261>

## Conferences



### Religion, Evolution and Social Bonding

*2019 ISSR Summer Conference*

**Location:** Eynsham Hall Hotel, Oxford, United Kingdom

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019



This conference, taking place from at Eynsham Hall Hotel just outside of Oxford, is open to all evolutionary approaches to religion, but will focus particularly on themes relating to the current ISSR research project ‘Religion and the Social Brain’. Conference themes include the following:

- How religion gradually evolved, and when it really became ‘religion.’
- The interplay of social, biological and cognitive factors in the evolution of religion.
- The particular contribution of religion to social bonding and group size.
- The positive contribution that religion made to human evolution more generally.
- Evolutionary perspectives on contemporary religion.
- The theological and philosophical significance of the evolution of religion.

Plenary speakers will include: Robin Dunbar; Celia Deane-Drummond; Emmanuelle Honoré; James W Jones; and Richard Sosis.

There will also be presentations by members of the research team currently working on the ISSR project ‘Religion and the Social Brain’: Miguel Farias; Léon Turner; Joseph Watts; Fraser Watts; and Simon Dein.

The Religion and the Social Brain research includes:

- Phylogenetic analyses of religion in Hunter-gatherer societies
- Empirical studies of contemporary religion inspired by Social Brain theory
- Explorations of the philosophical and theological significance of the Social Brain approach to religion.

Deadline for abstract submission: **27 May 2019**

Click [here](#) to submit an abstract

Click [here](#) to register to attend the meeting (without presenting)

Please find all information on the website: <https://www.issrconference.org/>

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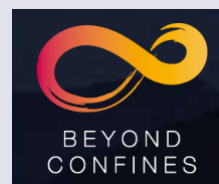


### **BEYOND CONFINES: Integrating Science, Consciousness and Society**

*Mind & Life Europe - Contemplative Science Symposium*

**Location:** Event Forum, Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany

**Date:** October 25th - 27th, 2019



With the Contemplative Science Symposium “BEYOND CONFINES – Integrating Science, Consciousness and Society”, Mind & Life Europe will bring together diverse disciplines and traditions of knowledge in order to support the growing community of contemplative scientists, invite new audiences and change-makers and encourage personal engagement in the issues an intercultural, interdisciplinary approach makes visible.

The Contemplative Science Symposium will address new approaches in the fields of:

- \* Politics
- \* Education
- \* Nutrition
- \* Neuro- and cognitive science
- \* Philosophy
- \* Economics

Scientific posters can be submitted in these areas discussed at the symposium.

Deadline for application for a poster presentation: **May 15, 2019.**

Our hope is that this gathering will contribute to building a pan-European ‘community of engagement’ for contemplative science.

- To see the programme, click [here](#)
- To see an overview of the presenters, click [here](#)

All information: <https://europeansymposium.org/frontend/index.php>

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## Perceived credibility and use of preprints

### *Survey*

Dear colleagues,

As part of a grant\* from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the Center for Open Science is asking graduate students, post docs, faculty at research institutions, and other researchers to participate in a survey to investigate the factors that affect the perceived credibility and use of preprints. The survey will assess use and credibility of preprints across scholarly domains. Understanding the research community's attitudes about preprints is critical to fostering a scholarly dialogue about the opportunities and challenges of preprints.

Participation in this study involves:

- A time commitment of 10 to 20 minutes.
- Survey involving researchers' qualitative, subjective evaluation of factors related to the credibility of preprints.

Currently using preprints (either uploading preprints or reading preprints) is not a prerequisite to participating in the study.

If you are interested in enrolling in this study, please click the link which will lead you directly to the survey:

[https://virginia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3kFU2er17VY5uLP](https://virginia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3kFU2er17VY5uLP)

You must be 18 or older to participate. If you would like more information, please contact the project's research lead, Courtney Soderberg, by email ([courtney@cos.io](mailto:courtney@cos.io)).

Thank you.

\*Study Title: Signals of Trust in Preprints IRB Protocol Number: 2192 Principal Investigator: Brian Nosek, Ph.D.