

Evolution of Science & Religion

THE EVOLUTION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION AS MEANING-MAKING SYSTEMS DUBLIN, MAY 11-14, 2023

Thursday, May 11, Davenport Hotel, 8-10 Merrion St Lower, The Lady Jane Restaurant

18:00 Welcome Drinks and Registration

18:30 Dinner

Friday, May 12, The Merrion Hotel Dublin, Merrion St Upper, The Fitzgerald Room

9:00 – 9:30 am Arrival, Coffee and Tea

9:30	Dominic Johnson & Michael Price	Oxford and Brunel Universities, UK	The Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning-Making Systems
9:45	Mike Hamilton & Bonnie Zahl	Issachar Fund, Templeton Religion Trust	Project updates, white paper introduction
10:00	Hugh Turpin	University of Oxford, UK	I Believe in Scientists: Source evaluation and the acceptance of scientific information in three epistemologically distinct populations
10:30	Aaron Lightner	Aarhus University, Denmark	Investigating the Evolution of Science and Religion as Adaptive Knowledge Specialization

11:00 Coffee and Tea Break

11:30	Kevin Hong	Zhejiang University, China	Research Proposal: False Belief, Epistemology, and the Origin of Scientific Thinking
12:00	Michael Barlev	Arizona State University, USA	Nonordinary experiences as a royal road to belief in inherently "unbelievable" meaning-making frameworks
12:30	Adam Baimel	Oxford Brookes University, UK	The greening of religions: A cross-cultural test of when, how, and with what consequences religious meaning systems are adapting to the social pressures of the climate crisis

13:00 Lunch (on site)

14:00	Shiri Noy	Denison University, USA	Coping with Natural Disasters Caused by Climate Change: Religious Meaning- Making and Adaptation
14:30	Rebecka Hahnel-Peeters	University of Texas, Austin, USA	Sexual Morality, Evolution and Religion

15:00 Coffee and tea, with option to walk over to view the Book of Kells at Trinity College Dublin
Optional group dinner at 6 pm, or free evening

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Saturday, May 13, The Merrion Hotel Dublin, Merrion St Upper, The Fitzgerald Room

9:00 – 9:30 Arrival, Coffee and Tea

9:30	David S. Wilson	Binghamton University, USA	Testing Hypotheses about Meaning Systems in Real-World Settings
10:00	Dominic Johnson & Michael Price	Oxford and Brunel Universities, UK	The Purpose of Belief: Optimism and the Adaptive Consequences of Scientific and Religious Meaning-Making Systems
10:30	Cindel White	York University, Canada	The Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning-Making Systems: Karma, Naturalistic Explanations for Misfortune, and Prosocial Behaviour

11:00 Coffee and Tea Break

11:30	Theo Samore	UCLA, USA	The Effects of Endogenous Psychologies and External Social Ecologies on Meaning-making Systems and Traditionalism in Tonga and the Tongan Diaspora in the United States
12:00	Richard Sosis	University of Connecticut, USA	Religion and Sport: An Ethnographic Study of the Adaptive Consequences of Syncretic Meaning Systems
12:30	Mícheál De Barra & Aiyana Willard	Brunel University London, UK	Sacred cures and scientific cures: Science and religion in the evolution of folk medicine

13:00 – Lunch (on site)

14:00	Crystal Park	University of Connecticut, USA	Predominance or Balance of Scientific or Religious Influences on Meaning Systems in Understanding and Adaptive Behavior
14:30	David Macdonald	WildCRU, Oxford University, UK	Science, Religion And Purpose In Life As Meaning-Making Systems For Coexisting With Biodiversity

15:00 Coffee and Tea Break (free time until museum and dinner)

The Little Museum of Dublin, 15 St Stephen's Green

17:00 Meet in the lobby of The Mont, for those who would like to walk to the museum together

17:00 – 17:30 Arrival, refreshments and time to explore the museum before the tour

17:30 Tour

18:00 Dinner

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Sunday, May 14, The Merrion Hotel Dublin, Merrion St Upper, Fitzgerald Room

9:00 – 9:30 Arrival, coffee and tea, The Fitzgerald Room

9:30	Kathryn Johnson	Arizona State University, USA	Fundamental Social Motivations Influence the Meaningfulness of Religion and Science
10:00	Joshua Jackson	Northwestern University/University of Chicago, USA	The Evolution and Endurance of Religious Explanations

10:30 – Coffee and Tea Break

10:45	Dominic Johnson & Michael Price		RBB Special Issue Discussion
11:15	Dominic Johnson & Michael Price		White Paper Discussion
11:45	All (Facilitated by Mike Hamilton)		Final Thoughts

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch and Depart