

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

IRAS, the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, is preparing its 66th conference

Sunday June 27 – Saturday July 3, 2021, at Star Island, NH

Though we cannot yet be certain about the conditions in the Summer of 2021, we intend to have the IRAS conference on Star Island. A great opportunity for intellectual engagement, creative community, and experiences of natural beauty. Star Island is taking various measures to provide a healthy and safe setting for all who come to the island, and will have easy conditions in case someone has to cancel registration. For updates, see the website, <http://starisland.org>.

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 might be characterized as *replacement, reform, and rejection*.

Plenary speakers will be

Owen Flanagan (philosopher, *The Bodhisattva's Brain: Buddhism Naturalized*);

Ursula Goodenough (biologist, president of the Religious Naturalist Association, *The Sacred Depths of Nature*);

Sarah Lane Ritchie (theologian, *Divine Action and the Human Mind*);

James Ungureanu (historian; *Science, Religion and the Protestant Tradition: Retracing the Origins of Conflict*);

Carol Wayne White (philosophy of religion, *Black Lives and Sacred Humanity: Toward an African American Religious Naturalism*); and

Janet Newton (chapel speaker);

Conference co-chairs: Willem B. Drees and Barbara Whittaker-Johns.

For updates on the conference and registration, see <https://www.iras.org>, <https://starisland.org> **or approach the conference co-chair, wb@drees.nl**.