

Exploring Religion in an Entangled World: Interdisciplinary Research and Open Science

What: IAPR Pre-conference 2023

When: 21 August 2023, 11.15 – 16.45 hours

Where:

11.15 – 14.00: Baptist Church, Oude Boteringestraat 33, 9712 GD Groningen.

14.00 – 16.45: Faculty building Religion, Culture and Society,

Oude Boteringestraat 38, 9712 GK Groningen, room 253.

17.00 – 18.30: Baptist Church, Oude Boteringestraat 33, 9712 GD Groningen.

18.30 – 20.15: Faculty building Religion, Culture and Society,

Oude Boteringestraat 38, 9712 GK Groningen.

More details: netherlands.iaprweb.org/conference/preconference/

Entitled "Exploring Religion in an Entangled World: Interdisciplinary Research and Open Science" this event introduces current debates about interdisciplinarity, its implications for pursuing an academic career, and related questions about open science. It is geared specifically towards ReMa students, PhDs, and Postdocs. Featuring interactive talks and workshops with established scholars from various disciplines - including religious studies, cognitive science, anthropology and health psychology - this is a perfect opportunity to expand your horizons, network with experts, and indulge your curiosity.

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11.15	Welcome with coffee and tea	
11.40	Introducing challenges and benefits of interdisciplinary research	Dr Brenda Mathijssen, University of Groningen, NL
12.00	Tutorial on open science practices and the writing of registered reports	Prof. Dr. Kevin Ladd (Indiana University South Bend, US) and Dr. Jordan LaBouff (University of Maine, US).
12.30	Discussion	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00	From Humanities to Restoration Ecology: A Journey in Interdisciplinary Research	Prof dr Sarah Pike, California State University, US
14.30	Discussion	
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee	

15.30	Interdisciplinarity and academic career opportunities	Dr Anja Visser, University of Groningen, NL
16.00	Discussion	
16.30 – 16.45	Plenary ending	
17.00	Start regular IAPR Conference	
17.00	Opening Ceremony IAPR	
17.30	Keynote Lecture	Prof dr Sarah Pike, California State University, US
18.30	Reception	

What will you learn?

You'll come away from this event with a greater understanding of interdisciplinary research and its implications for your own research project and academic career opportunities. Furthermore, you will receive practical tips for working with Open Science Practices.

Sessions

In the introductory session you will explore some of the meanings of “interdisciplinary research” and the various forms it can take. Together with [Dr Brenda Mathijssen](#) (University of Groningen, NL), you will discuss benefits and challenges of interdisciplinarity in relation to your own research.

Next, you will participate in a tutorial on Open Science Practices and Registered Reports [Dr Kevin Ladd](#) (Indiana University South Bend, US) and [Dr Jordan LaBouff](#) (University of Maine, US). Open Science Practices and Registered Reports are becoming increasingly common but are currently underutilized in the psychology of religion/spirituality field. This tutorial introduces the [Open Science of Religion initiative](#) and gives practical guidelines for working with Open Science Practices and Registered Reports yourself.

After lunch, which will be provided by us, you will delve deeper into the topic of interdisciplinarity with [Prof dr Sarah Pike](#) from California State University in the United States. She will share her personal journey in interdisciplinary research, drawing on her training in both humanities, specifically religious studies, and social sciences, specifically cultural anthropology. Currently, her focus is on restoration ecology, which has led her to venture into a new scientific domain.

During the workshop, Professor Pike will share her experiences with interdisciplinarity discuss challenges such as (inter)disciplinary academic training and keeping up to date with knowledge from multiple disciplines. Practical strategies

for conducting interdisciplinary research will also be explored, and you are invited to share your own research practices.

The final session will focus on how interdisciplinarity can impact academic career opportunities. Under the guidance of [Dr Anja Visser](#), you will discuss topics such as team science, writing interdisciplinary proposals, and institutional barriers. Dr Visser's research focuses on spiritual care. As an established scholar with experience in different faculties, including health psychology and religious studies, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the discussion.

After the event, you are invited to join the **Opening ceremony** of the IAPR regular conference **and the keynote lecture by prof. Sarah Pike**, as well as the **dinner** afterwards in the evening.

For the people who are also attending the IAPR conference, there is the opportunity to register for the conference during the lunch (13.00 – 14.00).



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