RELIGION, SCIENCE AND SOCIALITY: EMERGENCE THEORY AND RELIGION

The Judaism, Science & Medicine Group invites your participation in its sixth annual meeting on October 6-7, 2013, at the University Club on the Tempe campus of Arizona State University. Location: 425 East University Drive | Tempe, Arizona. Reserve your spot online at http://jewishstudies.asu.edu/science

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 6

noon  Lunch (speakers & invited guests)
1 p.m.  Welcome
1:15 p.m.  Session 1
Emergence: Religion as a Superorganism
Shade Shutters | Arizona State University
2:15 p.m.  Session 2
Sacred Commitments: How Religious Ritual Binds Communities to Sacred Values
Matt Rossano | Southeastern Louisiana University
3:15 p.m.  Break
3:30 p.m.  Session 3
The Emergence of Autonomous Agency at Many Levels
Terrence Deacon | University of California, Berkeley
4:30 p.m.  Session 4
Emergence in Durkheim and Rappaport—the View from Religious Studies
Paul Cassell | Arizona State University
5:30 p.m.  Discussion of the day's presentations
moderator: Ben Hurlbut | Arizona State University
6:15 p.m.  Dinner (speakers & invited guests)

MONDAY | OCTOBER 7

8 a.m.  Breakfast
9 a.m.  Session 5
A Few Thoughts about Morphology and Social Emergence: A Case Study
Yair Lior | Boston University
10 a.m.  Session 6
Category Mistakes in the Scientific and Unscientific Study of Judaism: Medieval and Modern Perspectives
Kalman Bland | Duke University
11 a.m.  Session 7
The Metaphysics of Emergence in Religion
Robert Neville | Boston University
12 p.m.  Summary and Discussion
moderator: Norbert Samuelson | Arizona State University
12:45 p.m.  Lunch

The Judaism, Science & Medicine Group (JSMG) is an international organization of natural and social scientists, philosophers, historians, physicians, rabbis, theologians and educators who act to promote and facilitate a close relationship between Jewish religion, cultures and values, and the sciences, for the mutual benefit of both. The group creates forums for dialogue between scientists, healthcare professionals and scholars of Judaism, fosters interdisciplinary, collaborative research projects and develops educational materials about the interrelation of Judaism and the sciences.