

Dear All,

AOM has scheduled our *live* **MSR Plenary** session for Monday, August 10, at 6:00-7:00 pm PDT (9:00- 10pm EDT). Our session theme is “How is the convergence of science and spirituality on an interconnected (“Oneness”) view of reality changing our paradigmatic assumptions about what it means to be alive today?” Further thematic details are at the end of this email.

Virtual Participation information can be found here: <https://aom.org/events/annual-meeting/registering-and-attending/participating-virtually>. Because our session is live, you will need to register for AOM.

Our session will be on ZOOM. Please note: AOM will be providing a ZOOM link for the session. Please do not use the ZOOM link and password you may have received in an earlier communication about the session.

Here are further details for the real-time presenter session, which is how our session is classified:

Real-time – Presenter(s) / Panel (live-streamed)

1. Presenter(s) / panelists on video (do not recommend videos more than 10 minutes in length)
2. Presenter(s) / panelists can share content (e.g. slides / screens)
3. Anyone can chat and ask questions
4. Polling of attendees is available
5. Session can be recorded
6. Maximum suggested audience size: 500 persons
7. Technical setup and facilitation will be provided
8. Speaker Ready Rooms are available

Our MSR Plenary session

Here is the plan for our session (I'm suggesting the following order but am open to your ideas):

- Chris Laszlo introduces and frames the session (5 minutes)
- Dean Radin does his keynote summarizing his research & conclusions related to the session theme (20 minutes)
- Claire Lachance brings a Noetic Leadership perspective (5)
- Judi Neal shares her pioneering work on spirituality in the workplace, transformational leadership, and consciousness (5)
- Xiaoan Li highlights spiritual leadership development from his work as Senior Program Officer at the Fetzer Institute (5)
- Chris Laszlo highlights the power of direct intuitive practices/quantum leadership (5)
- That should leave 15 minutes for audience engagement. Our session coordinator is Paul Schmidt who will attempt to track questions and pose them to the rest of you.

If you are not familiar with Dean Radin's research, there are a couple of links that can help you familiarize yourself with his perspective: <https://noetic.org/profile/dean-radin/> and https://www.amazon.com/Dean-I.-Radin/e/B000APW7CE%3Fref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share Background on Noetic Leadership can be found here: <https://noetic.org/blog/noetic-leadership-taking-its-place-in-world/>

Best to all and stay safe,

Chris Laszlo
MSR Scholarly Program Chair

Thematic details from the 2020 MSR Call for Papers

The AOM 2020 theme aims to expand our research impact and to break down apparent trade-offs that constrain our thinking. The goal is to create greater synergies and increase value-add for individuals, organizations, and society, thus enabling the field of management to contribute more effectively to meeting global and local challenges from conflict and discrimination to income inequality and climate change.

Example MSR research topics this year include:

- How can spirituality and religion contribute to strengthening the role of business as an agent of world benefit?
- How can they strengthen research and practice in the area of Humanistic Management with its goal of ensuring human dignity and wellbeing?
- How might MSR scholars broaden the construct of sustainability to incorporate spiritual wellbeing?
- How is the convergence of science and spirituality on an interconnected (“Oneness”) view of reality changing our paradigmatic assumptions about what it means to be alive today? How is this convergence playing out differently in different cultures?
- What is the role of science in transforming business leaders at a spiritual level?
- Why is transforming consciousness a high point of leverage for leaders pursuing pro-social and pro-environmental strategies and behaviors?

Many of these questions touch on the growing body of scientific evidence that a range of religious and spiritual practices have a transformative effect on our consciousness, sense of purpose, health, and wellbeing. (Tackney, et. al. 2017). Specifically, such practices are shown to help cultivate broader perception and greater awareness of our connection to self, family, community, and the natural environment (Sheldrake, R. 2017).