



The seventh conference of the **Alister Hardy Religious Experience Research Centre** at the **University of Wales Trinity Saint David** will take place on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, as an online event (via Zoom). The topic will be “Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Religious and Spiritual Experiences”.

The keynote speaker this year is **Prof Jane Shaw**, University of Oxford and Principal of the Harris Manchester College, where Sir Alister Hardy founded the research centre more than 50 years ago. Prof Shaw will give the annual **Alister Hardy Lampeter Lecture** with the title **Religious Experience and the early twentieth-century Revival of Mysticism**. Prof Shaw is Professor of the History of Religion and a Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Oxford. She is the author of several books, including *Miracles in Enlightenment England* (Yale 2006) and *Octavia, Daughter of God: the story of a female messiah and her followers* (Jonathan Cape 2011). The link to the Alister Hardy Lampeter Lecture is below:

<https://uwtsd.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=7efabe7b-2cd3-4c03-b540-b16a00f0edb7>

Other speakers are Dr Jack Hunter on “Listening to the Land: Other-than-Human Voices in the Anthropocene” and Prof Marta de Freitas on her research on “Religious Experiences and Mental Health: Psychological implications.”

The conference is free of charge and will be hosted by the Alister Hardy Trust on Zoom. If you are interested in attending, email Mike Rush ([mikerush@virginmedia.com](mailto:mikerush@virginmedia.com)) who will circulate the link a day prior to the conference.

The Harmony Interfaith Colloquium will take place also as online event (8-9 July). Anyone interested in it please contact [interfaith@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:interfaith@uwtsd.ac.uk).





# Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Religious and Spiritual Experiences

Annual conference of the Religious Experience Research Centre

10 July 2021

Via Zoom

11.30 Welcome by Prof Bettina Schmidt, Director of the Religious Experience Research Centre and Marianne Rankin, Director of Communication of the Alister Hardy Trust

11.40-12.30

## **The Alister Hardy Lampeter Lecture**

Prof Jane Shaw, University of Oxford

**Religious Experience and the early twentieth-century Revival of Mysticism**

12.30-1 p.m. Discussion

1-2 p.m. Break

2.-3.30 p.m. Panel on Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Dr Jack Hunter, Honorary Research Fellow, UWTSO

**Listening to the Land: Other-than-Human Voices in the Anthropocene**

Prof Marta de Freitas, Catholic University of Brasilia

**Religious Experiences and Mental Health: Psychological implications**

Discussion

3.30 p.m. End of conference

