

Science, Faith and Religion Summit 2025 – SciFaiR

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SciFaiR 2025 – Tentative Program – Day 1

October 9, Thursday

9:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:50	Opening Speeches	Balázs Gulyás , President of HUN-REN
09:50 – 10:30	The Hard Problem of Revelation	Balázs M. Mezei
10:30 – 11:10	Science and Religion: Two Gateways to Understanding Life	Alister McGrath
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
	Humanities Panel Panel Chair: Csaba Török	
11:30 – 11:50	Theses of faith as non-standard epistemic factors in science	Agnieszka Lekka-Kowalik
11:50 – 12:50	Discussion	Guido van Steendam János Boros Isaac Kalimi
12:50 – 14:00	Lunch	
	AI and Brain Panel Panel Chair: János Boros	
14:00 – 14:20	Inside Out: Consciousness, Artificial Consciousness and the View from Somewhere in Nowhere	Roger Vergauwen
14:20 – 15:20	Discussion	Tomasz Trafny Roland Jakab Csaba Török
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee Break	
	Physics and Cosmology Panel Panel Chair: Balázs M. Mezei	
15:40 – 16:00	Why human flourishing needs both scientific insight and spiritual wisdom	Andrew Briggs
16:00 – 17:00	Discussion	Mark Harris Gábor Kutrovátz Orsolya Ferencz
17:00	End of Day 1	

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SciFaiR 2025 – Tentative Program – Day 2

October 10, Friday

09:00 – 09:40	Christ and the quantum: Fundamentals of theology of science	Mark Harris
Bioethics Panel <i>Panel Chair: Balázs M. Mezei</i>		
09:40 – 10:00	Ethical dilemmas of human enhancement	Tomasz Trafny
10:00 – 11:00	Discussion	Guido van Steendam László Kiss-Rigó Miklós Vassányi
11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break		
Life Science Panel <i>Panel Chair: Petra Aczél</i>		
11:20 – 11:40	Purpose, Constraint and Directionality in Biological Evolution	Denis Alexander
11:40 – 12:40	Discussion	Andrew Briggs Oberlander Baruch Zoltán Frenyó
12:40 – 13:40 Lunch		
13:40 – 14:20	Returning to Reverence: On Religion, Science and Scientism	William Desmond
14:20 – 14:40	Reflections	Péter Erdő
14:40 – 15:00	Reflections	Petra Aczél
15:00 – 15:20	Closing Remarks	Balázs Gulyás
15:30	End of the Summit	