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ISN Summer Conference  
June 19-20, 2009



# Reduction, Emergence, and Essence

MIT, June 19-20, 2009

Immediately following the four days of study at the Summer Seminar, the ISN will hold its third annual conference for the benefit of the Summer Fellows and interested scholars.

## *What*

A one and one-half day academic conference with one or two keynote addresses, and the presentation of academic papers. This year's conference will center on scientific and philosophical strategies for understanding the natural world. Papers are welcome on topics ranging from anti-reductionism/holism in science to self-organization, systems theory, and complexity, to papers in natural philosophy in the neo-Aristotelian or phenomenological traditions. To get a sense of the range of relevant topics, see the ISN "articles, essays, and books" page, as well as the conference schedules for 2008 and 2007.

## *Who*

Scholars interested in giving papers are welcome to submit their proposals along with a CV by Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Those whose papers are selected will have their lodging paid for, Conference fee waived, and travel expenses reimbursed—fully for travel from within the U.S. and half for travel from without. The keynote speaker or speakers will be announced by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Any interested scholar may attend, but please notify us by May 15<sup>th</sup> that you plan to come.

Summer Fellows from the immediately preceding Summer Seminar are expected to remain to participate in this conference, which has been specially scheduled for them. Please consider nominating your own students for our Summer Fellowship Program, particularly if they might qualify for one of our competitive Honor Scholarships.

## *When*

The Summer Conference begins on Friday afternoon, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm, and ends on Saturday evening. A block of hotel rooms will be reserved at a special Conference rate, and those whose papers are accepted will have their lodging paid for. Further scheduling information will be posted on the ISN website: [www.isnature.org](http://www.isnature.org).

## *Where*

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

## *How*

Please contact ISN Director John Keck by May 15<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. The \$50 fee for the Summer Conference includes a group dinner on Saturday evening. The fee can be reduced or waived on a showing of need. Attendees not presenting are expected to cover their own travel expenses, but exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Paper proposals and accompanying CVs must be received by Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009; decisions will be announced by Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Electronic submission is strongly encouraged.

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