Leonardo Rastelli is among the select group of physicists named as 2020 Simons Investigators.

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Leonardo Rastelli works on a broad range of problems in quantum field theory and string theory. He is known for his contributions to the AdS/CFT correspondence, string field theory, supersymmetric field theories and the conformal bootstrap. He is interested in developing a deeper framework for quantum field theory and quantum gravity, based on symmetry and general consistency principles, in the spirit of the bootstrap.

Leonardo joins YITP colleague Rouven Essig as Stony Brook's second Simons Investigator in Theoretical Physics.