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Public Lecture Series

Astrobiology: Are we alone?



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Speaker: Henry Throop

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On: Wednesday, 9 April 2014

At: 17:15 (to 18:15)

Venue: Sci-Enza, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria

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For thousands of years, people on Earth have been asking, "Are we alone?". In the last decade, astronomers have started to answer that question. How did life form on Earth? Could life exist on Mars, or the moons of Jupiter? And if we found evidence for life in distant galaxies, how would we recognise it?

Dr. Throop will give an overview of the field of astrobiology, including an update on the latest findings from NASA's Mars Curiosity rover as it explores the surface of Mars looking for clues to its ancient habitability."

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