BACKGROUND

The France-Hong Kong Distinguished Lectures are a series of high-profile lectures organized by CityU under the auspices of the French Academy of Sciences, the Consulat General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, and the Légion d’Honneur Club - Hong Kong Chapter.

The Series aim to promote the French Academy of Sciences and more generally the French scientific community among the scientific community in Hong Kong. The first lecture was held in 2020, and at least one lecture is held each year. Each lecture focuses on a topic of contemporary interest that impacts society and is of interest to the general public. All the lectures are held at City University of Hong Kong.

France-Hong Kong Distinguished Lecture Series

MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

The France-Hong Kong Distinguished Lecture Series has built strong ties between City University of Hong Kong (CityU) and France over the last 10 years, demonstrating CityU’s commitment to strengthening international partnerships in higher education.

CityU is in an excellent position, geographically, intellectually, and culturally, to capitalize on its East-West position, supported by its strong commitment to innovation and internationalization. These lectures help further improve our international network and collaborations with global talent, which in turn helps to promote the cross-pollination of ideas and the creation of new knowledge that can contribute to solving critical global issues.

Over the past 10 years, the Series has introduced many notable French scientists, including Frédéric Métraux and Nobel Laureate in the CityU campus, providing the perfect platform for intellectual inspiration, creative thinking and problem solving. It is these connections that have made this Series such a vital part of CityU’s history.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Professor Philippe G. Ciarlet, who is a Senior Fellow at our Institute for Advanced Study and the Founding Father as well as spiritual guide of the Series. He started the initiative from scratch and has led it to its important position that it holds today. Professor Ciarlet’s support has ensured that the Series continues to grow in importance.

Thank you.
The Office of the Vice-President (Research and Technology) presents the France-Hong Kong Distinguished Lecture Series

Review Past Lectures
http://www.cityu.edu.hk/vp/france-hk/

Professor Elieene Ghys
Director of the Institut des Sciences de l’Espace
École Normale Supérieure de Lyon
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* The Shape Of The Planet Earth? An Unexpectedly Deep Mathematical Challenge!*

5 October 2016

Professor Cédric Villani
Director of the Institut des Sciences de l’Espace
École Normale Supérieure de Lyon
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* On Particles, Stars and Eternally: From the Stability of the Solar System to Plasma Physics*

13 April 2016

Professor Serge Haroche
Professor at the Collège de France
Manager of the French Academy of Sciences

* Fifty Years of Revolutions in Laser Physics*

18 November 2015

Professor Philippe Sansonetti
Professor at the Collège de France
Professor at the Institut Pasteur (France)
Member of the French Academy of Sciences
Foreign Member of the National Academy of Sciences

* Pathogenic and symptomatic microbes of mucosal surfaces: the Yin and Yang of hygiene*

28 October 2015

Professor Pascale Cossart
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences
Foreign Member of the National Academy of Sciences, USA
Foreign Member of the National Academy of Medicine, USA

* The Bacterium Listeria Monocytogenes: A Unique Model in Infection Biology*

16 September 2015

Professor Edouard Brézin
Professor Emeritus, Université Pierre et Marie Curie
Honorary Professor, Ecole Normale Supérieure
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* From Martin Curie to the Higgs Boson: A Century of Conceptual Crises*

9 November 2014

Professor Pierre-Louis Lions
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* On Mean Field Games*

10 November 2014

Professor Yves Brechet
High Commissioner for Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies, France
Professor, Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble
Silver Medal, National Center for Scientific Research, France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* From Materials by Chance to Materials by Design*

29 May 2014

Professor Jean-Christophe Yoccoz
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Random Behaviour of Deterministic Systems*

9 November 2008

Professor Jean-Marie Lehn
Robert Bosch (1927)
Institut de Science de l’Energie Supramoléculaire, Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* From Matter to Life: Chemistry? Chemistry!*

30 October 2007

Professor Claude Cohen-Tannoudji
nobel laureate in Physics (1981)
Laboratoire de Physique, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Advances in Atomic Physics From Optical Pumping to Quantum Gates*

11 January 2013

Professor Jean-Claude Gervais
President of the French Academy of Sciences
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Measuring Time: Atomic Clocks and Ultradense Atoms*

February 27, 2007

Professor Pierre de Gennes
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Manipulating Atoms with Light: Achievements and Perspectives*

March 1, 2006

Professor Philippe Kenzaki
President of the Umi Institute, Paris
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Neglected Diseases: Worldwide Problems of Research, Regulation and Ethics*

19 January 2006

Professor Anne Cheng
Professor at the Collège de France
Chair in Invertebrate History of China

* From Confucian Orthodoxy to Chinese Modernity*

16 October 2013

Professor Jean Salençon
President of the French Academy of Sciences
President of the French Academy of Sciences

* Sustainable and Realistic Commitments for the Supply of Energy*

4 September 2014

Professor Albert Fort
nobel laureate in Physics (2008)
Laboratoire de Physique, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Spintronics: Electrons, Spins, Computers and Telephones*

21 October 2008

Professor Pierre Cervi
President of the French Academy of Sciences
Member of the French Academy of Sciences

* Desciplining the Vascular Tree*

27 May 2009

Professor Jacques Lévy
Professor at the Collège de France
Member of the French Academy of Sciences
Member of the National Academy of Sciences of India

* Bio-inspired Nanomaterials*

17 March 2008