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Conference in French: The nature of vacuum, from Galileo to dark energy, by Jean ZINN-JUSTIN

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Time: 17:00. Abstract:

Though the existence of a vacuum was already a matter of debate for the Ancient Greeks, it has become a truly scientific topic only in the seventeenth century with scholars like Galileo or Torriceli. In this talk we try to show that, in varying forms, the existence and nature of the vacuum has always been tied to fundamental scientific questions, in the past, for example, the existence of ether, more recently, for example, the nature of dark matter as proposed to explain the dynamics of galaxies or of the dark energy that influences the expansion of the universe.

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