Leverhulme Centre for Life in the Universe Science Day – The Diamond, Selwyn College, March $10^{\rm th}$



(12:00-12:05) Dr Emily Mitchell – Opening remarks

Session 1: Chemical, geological, and philosophical perspectives on the origins of life

- (12:05) **Keynote 1:** Dr. Jianfeng Xu Prebiotic Photochemical Coproduction of Ribo- and Deoxyribonucleosides
- (12:35) Samuel Roberts Sequence Specific RNA aminoacylation
- (12:50) Jonny Itcovitz Reduced atmospheres of post-impact worlds: Hiding reducing power in the planet core
- (1:05) Philipp Spillmann Should astrobiologists be worried that they are limited to a single instance of life?
- (1:20-2:30) Lunch break

Session 2: Life as we know it

- (2:30) Nile Stephenson Ediacaran Community Development Suggests a Stochastic Influence on the Evolution of Animals
- (2:45) Abhishek Upadhyay The origin of biological clocks and timers from fungi, plants to animals. A signature of life.
- (3:00) Ruairidh Macleod Applications of Palaeogenomic Approaches for Understanding Known and Unknown Life
- (3:15) **Keynote 2:** Dr Sasha Turchyn Fertilisation of terrestrial life by extraterrestrial matter

Session 3: The curious case of Venus

- (3:45) Skyla White The anomalous depletion of OCS in the Venusian atmosphere: A sulfur allotrope approach
- (4:00) Sean Jordan Distinguishing an exo-Venus from an exo-Earth
- (4:15) Tereza Constantinou Was Venus ever Habitable?
- (4:30) Posters and coffee break

Session 4: Looking and thinking beyond our Solar System

- (5:10) Francesco Zagaria Dust properties from multi-wavelength ALMA observations: single sources and disc demographics
- (5:25) Claire Guimond A minimum variability of rocky planet oxygen fugacities, and some planetary consequences
- (5:40) Callum Fairbairn Linear theory for wake morphology of eccentric planet-disc interactions
- (5:55) Closing remarks
- (6:00) Drinks reception and posters

