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**Title:**  
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**Abstract:**

This lecture discusses new insights concerning phenomena in Nano-systems that have been either only partially understood for a long time or not recognized at all. Examples of such systems to be discussed include the interfacial region between a liquid and a fluid, nanoparticles nucleation during phase change, and nano-roughness-induced non-wettability. The lecture will show how relatively simple theories may still give much insight into complex phenomena.

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**Date & Location:**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 11:00**  
**Lecture room, Physics Building (ground floor)**