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## Dr. Patricia Burchat

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A 21st Century View of the Universe: Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Tuesday, 1 November, 7:30 p.m. Bob Wright Centre, Room B150

Presented by the Department of Physics and Astronomy

A scientific revolution in our understanding of the universe is under way. In recent decades, cosmology has become an observational science and produced two mysterious findings: about 1/4 of the energy density of the universe is in the form of "dark matter," which gravitationally attracts but is otherwise invisible, and over 2/3 is "dark energy," which causes space itself to expand at an ever-increasing rate. In this lecture, Dr. Burchat will explore the evidence for dark matter and dark energy, and the experiments being developed to investigate their fundamental nature.

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