

Summer School in Christian Studies (2019) -
The Information Enigma: Intelligent Design in
the Origin of Life and the Universe

基督宗教研究暑期研修班 (2019) —
訊息之謎：從生命與宇宙的起源看智慧設計

Organizer: Centre for Sino-Christian Studies, HKBU

Dates: 17 - 28 June 2019 (Mon-Fri, in two weeks)

Venue: CEC 911, Hong Kong Baptist University

Lecturers: **Dr. Brian Miller** (Research Coordinator,
Discovery Institute, USA)
Dr. Paul A. Nelson (Adjunct Professor,
Biola University; Senior Fellow, Discovery
Institute, USA)
Dr. Change Tan 譚嫦娥博士 (Associate
Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia,
USA)

Video-conference Speakers:

Dr. Douglas D. Axe (Maxwell Visiting
Professor of Molecular Biology, Biola
University, USA)
Dr. Günter Bechly (Former curator in the
Department of Paleontology at the State
Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart,
Germany)
Dr. Stephen C. Meyer (Professor, Whitworth
College; Director of the Discovery Institute)

Tutors: **Prof. Kwan Kai Man 關啟文教授**

Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy,
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Philosophy, HKBU

Prof. Paul Chien 錢錕教授

Professor of Biology, University of San Francisco

Language: Lectures in English, tutorials in Putonghua

Fee including lunches and course materials:

- (1) HK\$1,500 (or HK\$500 for HKBU staff/full time student)
for the whole course; or
- (2) HK\$200 per day



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APPLICATION FORM (for HK local participants)

Registration:

Please submit the completed Application Form together with a crossed cheque payable to “HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY” to the Centre for Sino-Christian Studies on or before 30 May 2019.

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課程簡介

宇宙與生命的起源是一些重要問題，恆常地被無數的哲學家、科學家和不同學者探討。自然主義的解釋是一個重要理論，它只訴諸物質／能量和自然的機制，堅決拒絕目的論的解釋。不少人認為自然主義是唯一可接受的答案，然而在當代發展的智慧設計論 (ID) 為宇宙與生命的起源提供了另一種答案，本課程會仔細介紹 ID，和基於科學研究與及理性論據去評估它是否合理的答案。本課程講師都是專業科學家和當代智慧設計運動的中堅分子。

課程大綱

- 第 1 講：智慧設計的邏輯
- 第 2 講：有功能的基因與蛋白質的神秘起源
- 第 3 講：智慧設計與分子機器
- 第 4 講：功能複雜性及化石記錄
- 第 5 講：智慧設計與寒武紀大爆炸
- 第 6 講：智慧設計是科學嗎？
- 第 7 講：宇宙的智慧設計
- 第 8 講：智慧設計=隙縫中的上帝？
- 第 9 講：宗教的回歸
- 第 10 講：總結

Course Outline

- Lecture 1: The Logic of Intelligent Design
- Lecture 2: The Mysterious Origin of Functional Genes and Proteins
- Lecture 3: Intelligent Design and Molecular Machines
- Lecture 4: Functional Complexity and the Fossil Record
- Lecture 5: Intelligent Design and Cambrian Explosion
- Lecture 6: Intelligent Design: Is this Science?
- Lecture 7: The Intelligent Design of the Universe
- Lecture 8: Intelligent Design= God of the Gaps?
- Lecture 9: The Return of Religion
- Lecture 10: Summary and Conclusion

Introduction to Speakers

Dr. Douglas D. Axe is the director of Biologic Institute and author of *Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition That Life Is Designed* (HarperOne). His research uses both experiments and computer simulations to examine the functional and structural constraints on the evolution of proteins and protein systems. After a Caltech PhD, he held postdoctoral and research scientist positions at the University of Cambridge, the Cambridge Medical Research Council Centre, and the Babraham Institute in Cambridge. His work and ideas have been featured in many scientific journals, including the *Journal of Molecular Biology*, the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and *Nature*.

Dr. Günter Bechly is a German paleo-entomologist who specializes in the fossil history and systematics of insects. He served as curator for amber and fossil insects in the department of paleontology at the State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart. He earned his Ph.D. in geosciences from Eberhard-Karls-University in Tübingen.

Dr. Stephen C. Meyer received his Ph.D. in the philosophy of science from the University of Cambridge and directs the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture. He is the author of the *New York Times* best seller *Darwin's Doubt: The Explosive Origin of Animal Life and the Case for Intelligent Design* (HarperOne, 2013) as well as *Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design* (HarperOne, 2009), which was named a Book of the Year by the prestigious *Times Literary Supplement* in 2009. He has published editorials in national newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* and is featured prominently in various science documentaries and two *New York Times* front-page stories and other top national media.

Dr. Brian Miller has a BS in physics from MIT and a PhD in physics from Duke University. He works at the forefront of intelligent design research, in particular the relationship between thermodynamics, information theory, and the origin of life. He has spoken at leading universities on six continents on the topics of intelligent design and the Christian worldview.

Dr. Paul A. Nelson is Senior Fellow of the Discovery Institute and Adjunct Professor (MA Science & Religion) at Biola University. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy of biology and from University of Chicago. He lectures frequently at universities throughout the United States and Europe, and has spoken on American and Italian national public radio. His scholarly articles have appeared in journals such as *Biology & Philosophy*, *BIO-Complexity*, and *Zygon*, and book chapters in *Intelligent Design Creationism and Its Critics* (MIT Press), and *Next Generation Systematics* (Cambridge University Press).

Dr. Change Tan is Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She was born and grew up in the People's Republic of China, before doing her Ph.D. in Biochemistry at University of Pennsylvania and post-doctoral work at Harvard Medical School.

Course Description

The origin of the universe and the origin of life are important perennial questions which have been studied by thousands of philosophers, scientists & many other scholars. One major theory, the naturalistic theory, only appeals to matter/energy & naturalistic mechanisms which resolutely rejects teleological explanations. While many regard the naturalistic theory as the only acceptable answer, contemporary development of the intelligent design theory (ID) suggests an alternative explanation of the origin of the universe and the origin of life. This course will look at the details of ID, & evaluate whether this is a rational answer on the basis of scientific research & rational arguments.

時間表 Timetable (17-28/6/2019, Mon-Fri)

DAY TIME	一 (MON)	二 (TUE)	三 (WED)	四 (THUR)	五 (FRI)
09:00-12:20	17 演講 Lecture (1)	18 演講 Lecture (2)	19 演講 Lecture (3)	20 演講 Lecture (4)	21 演講 Lecture (5)
14:15-16:15	影片或 演講 Film or Lecture	影片或 演講 Film or Lecture	導修 Tutorial (I)	影片或 演講 Film or Lecture	影片或 演講 Film or Lecture
09:00-12:20	24 演講 Lecture (6)	25 演講 Lecture (7)	26 演講 Lecture (8)	27 演講 Lecture (9)	28 總結 Conclusion (10)
14:15-16:15	導修 Tutorial (II)	影片或 演講 Film or Lecture	影片或 演講 Film or Lecture	導修 Tutorial (III)	問答 Q&A

