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Building stars, planets and the ingredients for life in space: A celebration of 50 years of astronomy at UCT

6 February 2020 | 16:30 – 17:30 | New Lecture Theatre, University Avenue, Upper Campus, University of Cape Town

The Dean of the Faculty of Science, Professor Maano Ramutsindela, and the head of department of astronomy, Professor Patrick Woudt, will host a talk in celebration of 50 years of Astronomy at the University of Cape Town, by Professor Ewine van Dishoeck, President of the International Astronomical Union.

Professor van Dishoeck is also Professor of Molecular Astrophysics at Leiden University. She is one of the pioneers of astrochemistry, and her research is aimed at the determination of the structure of cosmic objects using their molecular spectra. Over her career she has received many awards and distinctions, including the Kavli Prize (Norway) for Astrophysics in 2018, for her combined contributions to observational, theoretical, and laboratory astrochemistry, elucidating the life cycle of interstellar clouds and the formation of stars and planets.

Please RSVP to [Thami Nkwanyane](#) by Wednesday, 5 February 2020. There will be an opportunity to engage with Prof van Dishoeck.



Professor Ewine van Dishoeck

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