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PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

PE1 Mathematics
PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
PE4 Physical and Analytical Chemical Sciences
PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
PE9 Universe Sciences
PE10 Earth System Science
PE11 Materials Engineering

Prof. Sofia Charlotta Olhede
Prof. Martina Knoop
Prof. Silke Biermann
Prof. Marco Musiani
Prof. Janine Cossy
Prof. Enrico Motta
Prof. Jerome Faist
Prof. Laoise McNamara
Prof. Gianfranco Bertone
Prof. Veronique Dehant
Prof. Maria Antonietta Loi

LIFE SCIENCES

LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
LS2 Integrative Biology: from Genes and Genomes to System
LS3 Cell Biology, Development, Stem Cells and Regeneration
LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Ageing
LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System
LS6 Immunity, Infection, and Immunotherapy
LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering

Prof. Sophie Janssens
Prof. Alison G. Smith
Prof. Dolf Weijers
Prof. Caroline Hill
Prof. Brigitte Malgrange
Prof. Dominique Soldati-Favre
Prof. Emmanuel Delamarche
Prof. Graham Budd
Prof. Katja Schenke-Layland

SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
SH3 The Social World and Its Interactions
SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
SH5 Texts and Concept
SH6 The Study of the Human Past
SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space
SH8 Studies of Cultures and Arts

Prof. Victor Martínez de Albéniz
Prof. Gail McElroy
Prof. Henrik Erdman Vigh
Prof. Susan Branje
Prof. Jan Opsomer
Prof. Stephanie Wynne-Jones
Prof. Rob Kitchin
Prof. John Nguyet Erni