

## Rajika Kuruwita

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Star formation, binary and multiple star systems, protoplanetary disks and planets in binary star systems, MHD simulations, software development.	
EDUCATION	<b>Australian National University</b> , Canberra, Australia	<b>February, 2015 - January, 2019</b>
	<b>PhD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Topic: “The formation, evolution, and survivability of discs around young binary stars”</li><li>• Primary Supervisor: Dr Christoph Federrath</li><li>• Secondary Supervisor: Associate Professor Michael Ireland</li></ul>	
	<b>Macquarie University</b> , Sydney, Australia	<b>February, 2010 - January, 2015</b>
	<b>MRes. Physics and Astronomy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Topic: “Fallback disks and the end of the common envelope phase”</li><li>• Primary Supervisor: Professor Orsola De Marco</li><li>• Secondary Supervisor: Assistant Professor Jan Staff</li></ul>	
	<b>BSc. Astronomy and Astrophysics</b>	
WORK AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	<b>University of Copenhagen</b> , Copenhagen, Denmark	
	<i>Postdoctorate Researcher</i>	<b>April, 2019 - Present</b>
	Research the formation of binary and multiple star systems via numerical simulations.	
	<b>Australian National University</b> , Canberra, Australia	
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	<b>February, 2019 - April, 2019</b>
	Research binary star formation and publish work on episodic accretion and turbulence.	
	<i>Outreach Assistant</i>	<b>December, 2015 - April, 2019</b>
	Organise and run outreach observing and site tours for the public, school and scout groups, as well as private groups, as well as design activities for the observatory visitor centre.	
	<b>Macquarie University</b> , Sydney, Australia	
	<i>Laboratory Demonstrator</i>	<b>February, 2014 - January, 2015</b>
	Taught lab experiments for undergraduate students. This also involved marking lab books.	
	<i>Observatory and Planetarium Supervisor</i>	<b>February, 2010 - January, 2015</b>
	Coordinated groups, created tours and presentations, operated observatory and planetarium.	
	<i>Vacation Scholarship Researcher</i>	<b>December, 2012 - February, 2013</b>
	Simulated light curves to understand the influence of exoplanets on the asteroseismological pulsation spectrum of stars.	
	<i>Vacation Scholarship Researcher</i>	<b>January, 2012 - February, 2012</b>
	Carried out research on nanowires using white light interferometry.	

TELESCOPE TIME  
AWARDED

**Australian National University 2.3m Telescope**

- **PI:** Building a Census of Protoplanetary Disks in Binary Star Systems (4 nights)
- **PI:** Building a Census of Circumbinary Protoplanetary Disks (3 nights)
- **PI:** Building a Census of Circumbinary Protoplanetary Disks (6 nights)
- **PI:** Building a Census of Circumbinary Protoplanetary Disks (7 nights)

TALKS

<b>Annual Danish Astronomy Meeting</b>	<b>May, 2019</b>
Contributed Talk	Nyborg, Denmark
<b>Niels Bohr Institute</b>	<b>January, 2019</b>
Invited Talk	Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Sutherland Astronomical Society Incorporated</b>	<b>September, 2018</b>
Invited Talk	Sydney, Australia
<b>Greenlight for Girls National Science Week</b>	<b>August, 2018</b>
Invited Talk	Canberra, Australia
<b>University of Tübingen</b>	<b>May, 2018</b>
Astronomy Seminar	Tübingen, Germany
<b>Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics</b>	<b>May, 2018</b>
Astronomy Seminar	Heidelberg, Germany
<b>Max Planck Institute for Astronomy</b>	<b>May, 2018</b>
Planet and Star Formation Seminar	Heidelberg, Germany
<b>Hamburg Observatory</b>	<b>May, 2018</b>
Astronomy Seminar	Hamburg, Germany
<b>Annual Scientific Meeting of the Astronomical Society of Australia</b>	<b>June, 2018</b>
Contributed Talk	Melbourne, Australia
<b>Planets in Perculiar Places</b>	<b>April, 2018</b>
Contributed Talk	Sydney, Australia
<b>International Women's Day Science in the Pub</b>	<b>March, 2018</b>
Invited Talk	Canberra, Australia
<b>12th ANITA Theory Workshop</b>	<b>February, 2018</b>
Contributed Talk	Perth, Australia
<b>Franco-Australian Astrobiology and Exoplanet School and Workshop</b>	<b>December, 2017</b>
Contributed Talk	Canberra, Australia
<b>Annual Scientific Meeting of the Astronomical Society of Australia</b>	<b>July, 2017</b>
Contributed Talk	Canberra, Australia
<b>11th ANITA Theory Workshop</b>	<b>February, 2017</b>
Contributed Talk	Hobart, Australia
<b>Mt Stromlo Students Seminars</b>	<b>December, 2016</b>
Contributed Talk (Awarded Best Theme Talk)	Canberra, Australia
<b>6th Australian Exoplanet Workshop</b>	<b>November, 2016</b>
Contributed Talk	Melbourne, Australia
<b>Star Formation</b>	<b>August, 2016</b>
Computational Astrophysics splinter session (Invited) Exeter, UK	<b>Annual Scientific Meeting of the Astronomical Society of Australia</b>
Contributed Talk	<b>July, 2016</b>
	Sydney, Australia
<b>10th ANITA Theory Workshop</b>	<b>February, 2016</b>
Contributed Talk	Melbourne, Australia
<b>5th Australian Exoplanet Workshop</b>	<b>November, 2015</b>
Contributed Talk	Sydney, Australia
<b>9th ANITA Theory Workshop</b>	<b>February, 2015</b>

AWARDS AND  
HONORS

- 2017: Joan Duffield Research Supplementary Scholarship
- 2015: Australian Postgraduate Award
- 2013: Macquarie University Research Training Scholarship
- 2012: Vacation Scholarship (Macquarie University)
- 2011: Vacation Scholarship (Macquarie University)

MENTORING  
EXPERIENCE**Graduate Student****September, 2017 - present**

Mentoring ANU graduate student Eloise Birchall in implementing radiative transfer and tracer particles into my simulations. This is to trace environments within protoplanetary disks to determine certain mineral formation sites.

**Mt Stromlo Observatory Summer Research****December, 2017 - February, 2018**

Co-supervised Isabella Gerard (currently a graduate student at Monash University) on a research project on turbulent magnetic fields and star formation. I am currently co-author on the paper she has submitted for publication from this project.

**Mt Stromlo Observatory Winter School****June-July, 2017**

Advised undergraduate students Lara Cullinane (currently a graduate student at ANU), Joshua Ho, Lillian Guo and Patrick Armstrong in planning observations and writing telescope proposals.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

- Computing Languages: Python, Fortran and html
- Applications:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , yt, simulation code FLASH, analysis of hdf5 files from hydrodynamic simulations, reducing observational data in fits files, retrieving radial velocities.
- Operating Systems: Unix/Linux, Windows and Mac.

OTHER  
EXPERIENCE

- Member of the Science Organising Committee for the 2016 Harley Wood Winter School.
- Chair of the Organising Committee for the 2016 Mt Stromlo Student Seminars
- Member of the Local Organising Committee for the 2017 Harley Wood Winter School and Annual Scientific Meeting of the Astronomical Society of Australia.

## REFeree DETAILS

- Professor Orsola De Marco, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Macquarie University, Sydney NSW 2109, Australia. tel: +61 2 9850 4241 , email: orsola.demarco@mq.edu.au
- Associate Professor Michael Ireland, Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Australian National University, Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Mount Stromlo Observatory, Cotter Road, Weston Creek, ACT 2611, Australia. tel: +61 2 6125 0288, email: michael.ireland@anu.edu.au
- Dr Christoph Federrath, Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Australian National University, Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Mount Stromlo Observatory, Cotter Road, Weston Creek, ACT 2611, tel: +61 2 6125 0217, email: christoph.federrath@anu.edu.au

**Kuruwita & Federrath**, *The role of turbulence during the formation of circumbinary discs*, 2019, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 486, I3647-3663

- Lead author, and conductor of research and analysis.

**Kuruwita et al.**, *Multiplicity of disc-bearing stars in Upper Scorpius and Upper Centaurus-Lupus*, 2018, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 480, 5099–5112

- Lead author, and conductor of research and analysis.
- Collected the majority of observations.

**Kuruwita et al.**, *Binary star formation and the outflows from their discs*, 2017, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 470, 1626-1641

- Lead author, and conductor of research and analysis.

**Kuruwita et al.**, *Considerations on the role of fall-back discs in the final stages of the common envelope binary interaction*, 2016, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 461, 486-496

- Lead author, and conductor of research and analysis.

Gerrard et al., *The role of magnetic field structure in the launching of protostellar jets*, 2019, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 485, 5532-5542

- Co-supervised Gerrard in running simulations and analysing them

Green et al., *Testing the binary trigger hypothesis in FUors*, 2016, The Astrophysical Journal, 830, 29

- Obtained observational data with Keck and commented on paper drafts.

Childress et al., *The ANU WiFeS SuperNova Programme (AWSNAP)*, 2016, Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia, 33, 29

- Obtained observational data with Australian National University 2.3m telescope.

Little et al., *Phase-stepping interferometry of GaAs nanowires: Determining nano-wire radius*, 2013, Applied Physical Letters, 103, 161107

- Obtained experimental data with white light interferometry of nanowires.