

## THEORETICAL SCIENCES VISITING PROGRAM TSYLP TALK

## From Space Time Quanta to the Quantum Cosmos

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The advent of quantum physics at the beginning of the 20th century has revolutionized physics and provided an explanation for all fundamental matter interactions. Today, physicists are convinced that, similar to matter, space and time have to be subject to quantum rules. But quantum theory itself does rely on a classical notion of space and time. I will describe some of the ideas of how to resolve this conundrum and illustrate some fascinating features of quantum space time. I will then describe why an understanding of quantum space time is necessary to explain the creation of our universe.

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Bianca Dittrich is a senior research faculty at Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo, Canada. Her research focusses on quantum gravity, here in particular on non-perturbative approaches. Her research intersects with a number of other topics in theoretical and mathematical physics, e.g. topological quantum field theories, tensor networks, real time path integrals.

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