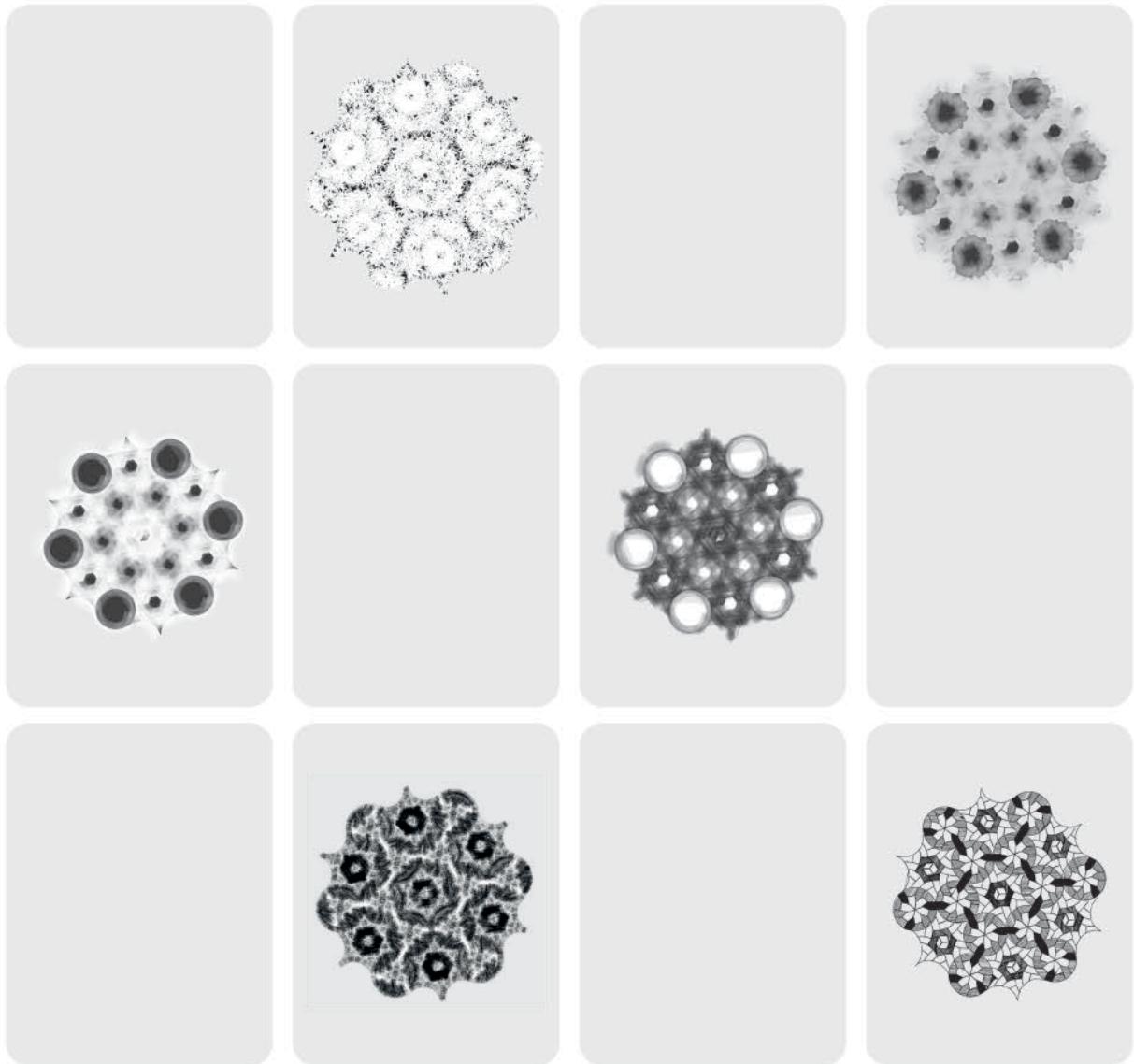


Programme



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OCTOBER 3

9.45-10.00 Welcome

10.00-11.00 | Pietro Corsi

University of Oxford, UK and EHESS Paris, France

*The inheritance of acquired characteristics:
Darwin vs Lamarck, or Darwin and Lamarck?*

11.00-11.30 | David Suárez Pascal

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, México

*A function-based analysis of randomness in evolutionary
change*

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-13.00 | Leonore Fleming

Utica College, USA

Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of variation

13.00-13.30 | Pablo Razeto-Barry & Davide Vecchi

Instituto de Filosofía y Ciencias de la Complejidad, Chile |
Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal

Genomic change randomness: a net-fitness-effect account

13.30-15.00 Lunch

15.00-16.00 | Eva Boon

Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, The Netherlands

*In which sense is lateral gene transfer random, and why does it
matter?*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 | Lorenzo Baravalle

Universidade Federal do ABC, Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil
The cultural selection of chance

17.00-18.00 | Philippe Huneman

IHPST, CNRS, Université Paris 1 Sorbonne, France
*Distinguishing types of variation and assessing challenges to
the Modern Synthesis*

18.00-18.30 | Discussion

OCTOBER 4

10.00-11.00 | Gerd Müller

Universität Wien, Austria

The morphogenetic basis of discontinuous variation

11.00-11.30 | James DiFrisco

Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition
Research, Austria

*Variation across levels of organization:
insights from evo-devo*

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-12.30 | Laura Nuño de la Rosa & Cristina Villegas

University of the Basque Country, Spain | Universidad
Complutense de Madrid, Spain

*Possible forms and possible adaptations, or how
evolvability challenges random variation*

12.30-13.30 | Arlin Stoltzfus

Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research, NIST,
USA

A new kind of variational cause, and some implications

13.30-15.00 Lunch

15.00-15.30 | Julian Zhunping Xue

McGill University, Canada

*From mutation rates to eukaryotic organization:
how variation drives evolution even in regimes of strong
selection*

15.30-16.00 | Predrag Šustar & Zdenka Brzović

University of Rijeka, Croatia

Gene duplication between mechanism and random process

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 | Giorgio Airola

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid,
Spain

*Evolution without selection: how shrinking the scope of
fitness as the explanatory driver of evolutionary changes
can reconcile adaptationism and pluralism*

17.00-18.00 | Sahotra Sarkar

University of Texas at Austin, USA and
Presidency University, Kolkata, India

Blind variation and evolutionary explanation

18.00-18.30 | Discussion