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Public Lecture

with Professor Marcello Costa and Romano Rubichi

Biographies

Prof Marcello Costa

Born in Italy where he obtained his medical degree, Prof Marcello Costa migrated to Australia in 1970. In 1975 he was foundation lecturer in the School of Medicine at Flinders University and is presently Chair in Neurophysiology and was recently made a Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor. Prof Costa was elected at the Australian Academy of Science and made Cavaliere della Repubblica Italiana.

He maintains a high commitment to the contribution of Italian culture across sciences and humanities.

Romano Rubichi

Romano is a former senior lecturer in Italian Studies and is now a Month-of-Sundays' man.

He is a passionate reader who enjoys good food and good wines in good company.

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Galileo Galilei's times and the birth of science

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

6:15 - 7:45pm

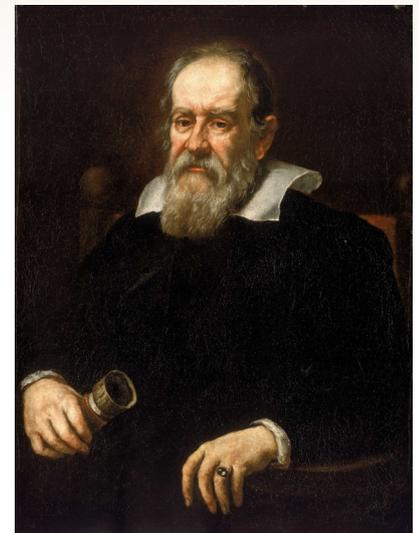
Flinders in the City

182 Victoria Square, Adelaide

Room 1, Level 1

Abstract

This talk on Galileo Galilei and his times will be presented by Marcello Costa and Romano Rubichi. Marcello will point at the direct relation between art and science in the late Renaissance. This represented a unique prerequisite for Galileo to develop his revolutionary cosmology ideas. The idea of geometry and mathematics as grand language of the universe proposed by Galileo, and with it the idea of measurable space, has its roots in the geniuses of the Renaissance's painters and architects who developed the geometrical perspective. Marcello will trace the discoveries of Galileo with his 'cannocchiale' (telescope), ideas that formed the bases of his challenge to the old earth-centric cosmology and unavoidably the clash with the Church. Romano will give an historical perspective of Galileo's times and the political, social and religious conditions of the time. Marcello will complete with a discussion of the legacy of Galileo for modern science and the lessons for the present role of science in politics, sociology and religion.



Galileo Galilei

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