First circular

1st COMMONS Summer School on "Cryo-EM of Soft Materials" in Lund



August 25 - 29, 2025 Kemicentrum, Naturvetarvägen 22, Lund

> Lecturer: Professor **Ishi Talmon**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology



What to expect

Intensive course focusing on cryogenic-temperature transmission electron microscopy (cryo-TEM) and scanning electron microscopy (cryo-SEM) of soft matter, with lectures in the morning and demonstrations of the microscopes & specimen preparation as well as short student presentations in the afternoon

What else you need to know

- up to 20 participants will be accepted
- priority will be given to COMMONS-PhD students
- remaining places will be available to COMMONS-postdocs and PhD students outside of COMMONS
- participation is free of charge
- COMMONS will be able to provide accommodation to PhD students and postdocs from COMMONS-affiliated groups

Registration is open under:

https://www.physchem.lu.se/commons/research-school/

Deadline for registration: 1st of April, 2025

Tentative program:

| time | Monday, 25.8. | Tuesday, 26.8. | Wednesday, 27.8. | Thursday, 28.8. | Friday, 29.8. |
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| 09:00 - 09:45 | Welcome – Emma Sparr, Director of COMMONS L1 – Introduction | L4 – Limitations on TEM resolution; astigmatism; contrast | L7 – Cryo-TEM II | L10 – Imaging by the SEM | L13 – Freeze-fracture- replication; contrast in cryo-SEM |
| 09:45 - 10:15 | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | L2 – Basics of TEM and SEM | L5 – Basics of electron diffraction | L8 – Electron beam radiation damage; imaging artifacts | L11 – Cryo-SEM I | L14 – Elemental analysis in cryo-SEM |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | break | break | break | break | break |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | L3 – Electromagnetic lenses; electron sources; apertures, etc. | L6 – Cryo-TEM I | L9 – Elements of the SEM | L12 – cryo-SEM II | L15 – Designing cryo- EM research projects |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch break | Lunch break | Lunch break | Lunch break | Lunch & end of Summer School |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Microscopy Lab Demo Sessions | Microscopy Lab Demo Sessions | Microscopy Lab Demo Sessions | Microscopy Lab Demo Sessions | |
| 15:30 – 18:00 | Student presentations and discussions | Free afternoon/evening | Student presentations and discussions | Free afternoon/evening | |
| 18:00 - | Dinner | | Dinner | | |