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# Workshop on Selected Topics in

# Casimir Effect: from Nanoscience to High Energy Physics

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From nanoscience to high energy physics, fluctuation-induced phenomena and the celebrated Casimir effect have been recognized as an important mechanism underlying some of the most striking features of the physical world. This one-day workshop will cover some of the basic concepts and methods as well as a selection of recent research topics studied in the field of fluctuation-induced phenomena. The lectures are aimed at graduate students and research postdocs and may be useful for advanced undergraduate students as well.

#### **Topics:**

- Zero-point energy and vacuum fluctuations
- Lifshitz interactions at finite temperature
- Casimir nano-machines
- Fluctuation-induced effects in disordered media
- Casimir effect in soft matter & biological systems
- Casimir effect in noncommutative field theories

### <u>Speakers:</u>

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- A. Naji (University of Cambridge)
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