We invite and encourage you to attend evening lectures by world renowned scientists, open to the general public as part of the First Global Virtual Workshop at the University of Strathclyde.

Tuesday, May 6 @ 7:00 pm

Avoiding the Fate of the Dinosaurs
The asteroid hazard after chelyabinsk: new solutions for an old problem
By Dr. Ettore Perozzi

Thursday, May 8 @ 7:00 pm

Looking Towards the Galactic Frontier
By Dr. Liz Williams

Venue: MaCance Building
16 Richmond St, Glasgow G1 1XQ

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A unique European network devoted to developing advanced techniques for asteroid and space debris monitoring, removal, deflection and exploitation, **Stardust** aims to protect our planet, save our space assets, and turn threats into opportunities.

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**Tuesday 6 May, 7.00pm**

**Avoiding the Fate of the Dinosaurs**  
*The asteroid hazard after Chelyabinsk: new solutions for an old problem*

Dr Ettore Perozzi

Ettore Perozzi is a planetary scientist working on celestial mechanics and space mission design. He is currently involved in Asteroid hazard monitoring at the ESA Near-Earth Object Coordination Centre in Frascati, Italy. Human perception of the asteroid hazard has typically oscillated between panic and underestimation. When a space rock 18m in diameter entered the atmosphere and exploded some 20 km above the Russian city of Chelyabinsk in February 2013, it presented a challenge for both scientific research and science communication. Events were broadcast worldwide in real time via social media, and there were calls for new answers to old questions. How come no-one saw it coming, even though the Near Earth Asteroids discovery rate has reached 1000 objects per year? What about if it had been larger? Are we at risk of sharing the fate of the dinosaurs?

**Thursday 8 May, 7.00pm**

*Looking Towards the Galactic Frontier*

Dr Liz Williams

Liz Williams has a doctorate in Epistemology from the University of Cambridge and has been a Science Fiction writer for the last fifteen years. She currently writes for the Guardian on issues of the philosophy of science and religion. Liz will talk about how we see other worlds and other civilisations, as the likelihood of life elsewhere in the universe becomes ever-more plausible. Science Fiction writers continue to visit such concepts – but how does SF relate to science, and to the way in which we see our own world? How can it impact on prevailing ontologies – ways of understanding what our world contains? How can exploring the imaginary nature of life beyond Earth enable us to understand our own natures, our own societies? And can SF help us to address the abiding problems of the era in which it is written, such as ecological concerns?

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