Lecture Series

General Information
Theodore von Kármán Lecture Series, named after JPL's founder, and presented by JPL's Office of Communication and Education, brings the excitement of the space program's missions, instruments and other technologies to both JPL employees and the local community. Lectures take place twice per month, on consecutive Thursdays and Fridays. The Thursday lectures take place in JPL's Theodore von Kármán Auditorium, and Friday lectures take place at Pasadena City College's Vosloh Forum. Both start at 7:00 PM. Admission and parking are free for all lectures, no reservations are required, and seating is limited.

Upcoming Lecture

Sept. 11 & 12, 2014

Studying Soil Moisture from Space – NASA's Soil Moisture Active Passive mission

SMAP's state-of-the-art radar and radiometer sensors are able to peer beneath clouds, vegetation, and other surface features to create global maps.

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Jan. 16 & 17: The Mars Exploration Rovers: A Decade of Exploration
Feb. 13 & 14: The History and Future of Space Communications – Celebrating 50 Years of the NASA Deep Space Network
Mar. 13 & 14: The Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2
April 10 & 11: 'For the Benefit of All Mankind': The JPL Technology Transfer Program
May 22 & 23: Putting the 'P' in 'JPL'--The Past, Present, and Future of Propulsion at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory
June 19 & 20: Ocean Worlds of the Outer Solar System
July 17 & 18: Revealing Saturn: Cassini’s Tenth Year
Aug. 14 & 15: Curiosity's Second Year: The Epic and Occasionally Bogus Journey to the Foothills of Mt. Sharp
Sept. 11 & 12: Studying Soil Moisture from Space – NASA’s Soil Moisture Active Passive mission
Oct. 9 & 10: Rosetta – A Lesson on Comets, the Solar System and Mysteries of Earth
Nov. 6 & 7: Asteroid Redirect Mission: Rearranging the Solar System
Dec. 4 & 5: Coming Soon to a Dwarf Planet in Your Solar System: NASA’s Dawn Mission to the Asteroid Belt

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