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## **COLLEGE NOTICE**

### **NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR LANGUAGES, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION**

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Dr Roberto Trotta, Senior Lecturer in Astrophysics, has accepted appointment as the new Director of the Centre for Languages, Culture and Communication. Dr Trotta will take up the role from 1 October 2015 and will report to the Vice Provost (Education).

Dr Trotta is a Senior Lecturer in Astrophysics at Imperial College London, where he studies dark matter, dark energy and the Big Bang, and an STFC Public Engagement Fellow. He was born and grew up in the Italian speaking part of Switzerland. After obtaining an MSc(Hons) in Physics from ETH Zurich and a PhD in Theoretical Physics from the University of Geneva, he moved to Oxford where he was the Lockyer Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society at Oxford University, and a Junior Fellow of St Anne's, before being appointed at Imperial College in 2008.

He is a passionate science communicator and the recipient of numerous awards for his research, outreach and art and science collaborations, including the Lord Kelvin Award of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the Michelson Prize of Case Western Reserve University. His award-winning first book for the public, "The Edge of the Sky: All you need to know about the All-There-Is", endeavours to explain the Universe using only the most common 1,000 words in English. Roberto was named as one of the 100 Global Thinkers 2014 by Foreign Policy magazine (Nov 2014), for "junking astronomy jargon".

**John Neilson**  
College Secretary & Registrar