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Physics Colloquium

Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at 16:30

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Werner Heisenberg, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and the Bomb

Werner Heisenberg and J. Robert Oppenheimer were two of the most important physicists in the twentieth century. Each played an important role in their respective country's projects (Nazi Germany for Heisenberg, the United States for Oppenheimer) to build atomic bombs during the second world war. Myths and legends were created around both men in the postwar period as they tried to deal with the legacies of the Holocaust and the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This talk will compare and contrast the careers of these two scientists.



Hosts: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Haase
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Venue: Universität Leipzig, Faculty of Physics and Earth Sciences
04103 Leipzig, Linnéstraße 5, Small Lecture Hall

Everyone is welcome to a reception with coffee, drinks and cookies in the Aula following the talk.

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