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The Paradigm Shift with Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell

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A series of conversations exploring the individual paths of distinguished professional women who have made it to the top in their own particular ways. How have they found their own solutions to 'life', what tips do they wish they'd been given earlier on, and what might they view, retrospectively, with most pleasure or regret?

On 28 November, Master of Churchill College, Professor Dame Athene Donald will talk to astrophysicist Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell. Jocelyn is best known for her discovery of pulsars — rotating neutron stars that appear to 'pulse' since the beam of radio waves they emit can only be seen when it faces the Earth. Her observation, made together with her supervisor, Antony Hewish, is considered to be one of the greatest astronomical discoveries of the twentieth century. Antony went on to receive the 1974 Nobel Prize in Physics for his role in the discovery.

Jocelyn has since become a role model for young students and female scientists throughout the world. She was appointed to CBE for services to astronomy in 1999, followed by a DBE in 2007. She is currently Visiting Professor of Astrophysics, Department of Astrophysics, University of Oxford and Chancellor, University of Dundee.