

## Special Lecture

**October 28th (Wed) 15:30-16:30**

**“The Experience of Beauty and its Biological Significance”**

**Professor Semir Zeki (University College London, UK)**



Semir Zeki was Professor of Neurobiology at University College London (UCL) until 2008 and is currently Professor Neuroesthetics at UCL. He has specialised in studying the organisation of the primate (including human) visual brain. He has extended this more recently to studying how a visual input generates an affective, emotional, state as during the experience of beauty, desire and love. He has written three books, *A Vision of the Brain*, *Inner Vision*; an exploration of art and the brain, and *Splendors and Mieries of the Brain*. He has also co-authored two books: *La Quete de l’essentiel* (in French), with the late French artist Balthus and *La bella e la bestia* (in Italian), with Ludovica Lumer. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, a foreign member of the American Philosophical Society, a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and a founding fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, London.