ISTA Lectures 2009–2026

# Lecture	Year	Speaker	Affiliation	Area
59th	2026	Klaus-Robert Müller	BIFOLD & Technical University of Berlin	Machine Learning
58th	2026	Ignacio Cirac	Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics	Quantum Computers
57th	2025	Cynthia Dwork	Harvard University	Computer Science
56th	2025	Lisa Kaltenegger	Cornell University	Astrophysics
55th	2025	Richard Cockett	The Economist	Editor and Writer
54th	2024	Catherine Dulac	Harvard University	Molecular Biology
53rd	2024	Andrea Wulf		Author
52nd	2024	Anne L'Huillier	Lund University	Atomic Physics
51st	2023	Franz Essl	University of Vienna	Biodiversity
50th	2023	Alena Buyx	Technical University of Munich	Artificial Intelligence
49th	2023	György Buzsáki	New York University	Neuroscience
48th	2022	Misha Glenny	Institute for Human Sciences	Cyber Security
47th	2022	Yann LeCun	New York University	Computer Science
46th	2022	Stuart Russell	University of California, Berkeley	Computer Science
45th	2022	Venki Ramakrishnan	MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology	Structural Biology
44th	2022	Erwin Neher	Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry	Biochemistry
43rd	2021	Carolyn Bertozzi	Stanford University	Chemistry
42nd	2021	Gero Miesenböck	University of Oxford	Neurophysiology
41st	2021	Rainer Weiss	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Physics
40th	2021	Julia Ebner		Author
39th	2020	Angelika Amon	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Molecular Biology
38th	2020	Ruth Wodak	Lancaster University / University of Vienna	Linguistics
37th	2020	Joachim Frank	Columbia University	Biophysics
36th	2019	Philipp Ther	University of Vienna	History
35th	2019	Steve Simon	University of Oxford	Physics
34th	2019	Bernhard Schölkopf	Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems	Computer Science
33rd	2019	Paul Nurse	Francis Crick Institute	Genetics
32nd	2019	Helga Nowotny	ERC/ETH Zurich	Sociology of Science
31st	2019	Gunnar Carlsson	Stanford University	Mathematics

30th	2018	Eric Wieschaus	Princeton University	Molecular Biology
29th	2018	Martin Hairer	Imperial College London	Mathematics
28th	2018	Ben Feringa	University of Groningen	Organic Chemistry
27th	2018	Anton Zeilinger	Austrian Academy of Sciences (retired)	Physics
26th	2018	Jeffrey Sachs	Columbia University	Economics
25th	2017	Peter Donnelly	University of Oxford	Mathematics
24th	2017	Michael I. Jordan	University of California, Berkeley	Computer Science
23rd	2017	Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard	Max Planck Institute for Biology	Developmental Biology
22nd	2017	Walter Scheidel	Stanford University	History
21st	2016	Wolfgang Lutz	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis	Demography
20th	2016	Steven Chu	Stanford University	Physics
19th	2016	David Gross	University of California, Santa Barbara	Theoretical Physics
18th	2016	Thomas Südhof	Stanford University	Biochemistry
17th	2015	Scott Aaronson	University of Texas at Austin	Computer Science
16th	2015	Roger Penrose	University of Oxford	Physics
15th	2014	Terry Collins	Carnegie Mellon University	Chemistry
14th	2014	Herwig Czech	Medical University of Vienna	History
13th	2014	Cédric Villani	Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques	Mathematics
12th	2014	Iain Couzin	Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior	Evolutionary Biology
11th	2013	Bruce Levin	Emory University	Evolutionary Biology
10th	2013	Stephen Smale	University of California, Berkeley	Mathematics
9th	2012	Christos Papadimitriou	Columbia University	Computer Science
8th	2012	Arnold J. Levine	Princeton University	Molecular Biology
7th	2012	Stefan Hell	Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences; Max Planck Institute for Medical Research	Physics
6th	2012	Hannah Monyer	Heidelberg University	Neuroscience
5th	2011	Alberto Sangiovanni-Vincentelli	University of California, Berkeley	Computer Science
4th	2011	Henry Markram	École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne	Neuroscience
3rd	2010	Jeannette Wing	Columbia University	Computer Science
2nd	2010	Ada Yonath	Weizmann Institute of Science	Biochemistry
1st	2009	Martin Nowak	Harvard University	Mathematical Biology