

# **MQ Photonics Research Centre Seminar**

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## Nanophotonic effects for sustainable energy and integrated devices

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#### Abstract:

In this talk, I will discuss two new frontiers of nanophotonics. I'll begin with the passive radiative cooling and heating textiles, which employs nanophotonic structures to achieve superior thermal performance than any traditional textiles. Such a nanomaterial can lead to significant energy saving in space conditioning. In the second topic, I'll discuss the nonreciprocal light propagation in a gain-loss modulated waveguide. Such a waveguide exhibits a direction-dependent parity-time (PT) phase transition, which can be used to design robust integrated optical isolators that are magnetic-free. These topics highlight the unprecedented capabilities of nanophotonic structures in sustainable energy and photonic integration.

#### Speaker biography:

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