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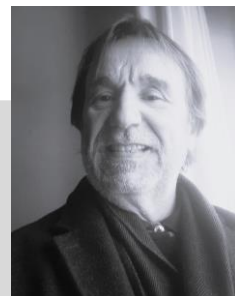
Seminars @ the Chemistry Department



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## *Cerium and Carbon: Primo Levi among chemistry, literature, and memory*

The talk aims to offer a reading in a scientific vein of the two novels by Primo Levi *Cerium* and *Carbon* from the book *The periodic table*, suggesting that chemistry, literature, and memory are like the banks of a same river we call culture and knowledge. The audience is accompanied within the story narrated in *Cerium* making it to go into the folding of the sentences that deal with scientific laws, phenomena, and discoveries with the purpose of catching the bond between narration and scientific knowledge.

The contribution concludes with an outlook of memory that, taking cue from another story of the same book, *Carbon*, and turning completely into matter and energy, from a standpoint can lose lyricism and spirituality, but from another point of view achieves a truly interesting pathos and suggestiveness for people who devote themselves or manifest their interest for the scientific rationalization of natural phenomena.



The event will be streamed on zoom.us  
for external participants!

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