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### Seminar

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Fisica della Materia room (Department of Physics)

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# "Fluid dynamics and mechanics in early embryogenesis"

#### Abstract

The fruit fly Drosophila melanogaster is a classical model organism of embryonic development. The mechanisms that lead to an adult, fully-developed animal from an unstructured embryo are at the core of biology, and their investigation keeps unveiling surprises and discoveries. I shall cover the first two hours (at room temperature) of this fascinating process, illustrating the numerous and relevant contributions brought by the overlap between biology and physics, which covers a broad range of phenomena from fluid dynamics to mechanics.