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Program of the course:

1. *Introduction:* A general view of the field and the key questions

- 2. **Detection:** The different observations techniques: Radial Velocities, Imaging, Transits, Microlenses, Timing, Astrometry. Methods; challenges; main facilities. Results to date.
- 3. **Census of exoplanets:** distribution in mass and size, multiplanetary systems; orbits, eccentricity, rotation, abundances, planetary formation theories. Host stars.
- Exoplanet atmospheres: observation techniques; hot, warm and temperate planets. Transmission and emission spectroscopy. Phase curves. The concept of habitability. Results to date.
- 5. Facilities for exoplanets: present and future facilities from ground to space.

Bibliography:

- [1] M. Perryman, *The Exoplanet Handbook*, 2018, 2nd edition, Cambridge Univ. Press
- [2] C.A Haswell, Transiting Exoplanets, 2010, Cambridge Univ. Press
- [3] K. Heng, Exoplanetary Atmospheres, 2017, Princeton University Press

Recent research papers will be suggested to cover specific topics of this rapidly evolving field.

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