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Cal Scientist Will Present Astronomy Lecture at Foothill College

Dr. Gibor Basri of University of California, Berkeley, will present *Failed Stars or Supergiant Planets: A Cosmic Identity Crisis*, an illustrated, non-technical talk, **Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Smithwick Theater at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. **Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.**

Basri, who has made pioneering observations of the mysterious objects called brown dwarfs, will discuss the shadowy realms that lie between being a planet and being a star—a realm which we have only been able to get information about in the last few years. He will also explain how astronomers are learning to make more sophisticated distinctions about exactly what it takes to be a star.

The lecture is presented as part of the 4th Annual Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series that is sponsored by Foothill College, NASA-Ames Research Center, SETI Institute and Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrive early to locate parking. Visitors must purchase a required campus parking permit for \$2. Parking lots 1, 5, 6 and 7 provide easy access to the theater. From Interstate 280, exit El Monte Road and travel west.

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