

# The Brain Prize Lectures 2025

**The Lundbeck Foundation has the pleasure of inviting you to hear The Brain Prize winners of 2025 deliver their Brain Prize lectures.**

Professor Michelle Monje and Professor Frank Winkler are awarded The Brain Prize 2025 for pioneering the field of Cancer Neuroscience.

Gliomas are extraordinarily difficult to treat and are the leading cause of brain tumour-related deaths in both children and adults. Michelle Monje and Frank Winkler have made transformative discoveries by showing that neural activity in the brain can promote cancer initiation, growth, spread and treatment resistance.

Thus, the everyday activity that takes place in the brain promotes the development of cancers within it. These remarkable findings have laid the foundation for an entirely new field of research called 'Cancer Neuroscience' that represents a paradigm shift in the understanding of these cancers, and which offers vital new opportunities for treatment.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**

*Martin Meyer  
Director of The Brain Prize  
The Lundbeck Foundation*



## Michelle Monje

*Milan Gambhir Professor of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology,  
Department of Neurology and Neurological Sciences,  
Stanford University and Howard Hughes Medical  
Institute Investigator.*

USA



## Frank Winkler

*Professor for Neuro-Oncology, Heidelberg University  
Faculty of Medicine and Managing Senior Physician  
in the Department of Neurology.*

Germany



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 16.00.**

Followed by a reception from 17.15

## Venue

University of Copenhagen  
Panum, Blegdamsvej 3B  
Niels K. Jerne auditorium

## PROGRAMME

- 16.00 Welcome by Martin Meyer  
Director of The Brain Prize
- 16.05 Chair of The Brain Prize  
selection committee  
Professor Andreas Meyer  
Lindenberg introduces  
Professor Michelle Monje
- 16.10 Professor Michelle Monje  
"The neuroscience of  
brain cancer"
- 16.40 Professor Andreas Meyer  
Lindenberg introduces  
Professor Frank Winkler
- 16.45 Professor Frank Winkler  
"Neural influences on adult  
brain tumors: from bench  
to bedside"
- 17.15 Reception



**Everyone is welcome but  
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