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**Department Biomedicine**  
**ZLF - Hebelstrasse 20**  
**Seminar room 2nd floor**



## **BBC** **SPECIAL LECTURE**

**Rob Clarke**

Professor of Breast Biology at the University of Manchester, UK

### **“The role of the tissue microenvironment in breast cancer prevention, and metastasis”**

*He was co-founder of the Manchester Breast Centre, which comprises more than 40 academics active in breast research, and its Director from 2015-2024. He is currently co-Director of the Prevent Breast Cancer Research Unit and Director of the Lobular Moon Shot Project.*

*Rob was awarded both a Cancer Research UK Fellowship and the first ever Breast Cancer Now Fellowship, and established the Breast Biology Group’s lab that he has led for the last 25 years. Rob co-founded the European Network for Breast Development and Cancer (ENBDC) and the EuroPDX Consortium, and is a member of the MRC Clinical Training Panel and the Swiss National Science Foundation Medicine and Biology Division.*

*Rob’s research achievements in breast cancer include the first use of Ki67 as a proliferation biomarker in neoadjuvant tamoxifen and fulvestrant studies, the discovery of the importance of paracrine signalling downstream of estrogen and progesterone receptors regulating normal breast progenitors, tissue collagen and density, and establishing the role of stem cell signalling pathways including cytokines in breast cancer therapy resistance and metastasis. He has published over 180 research papers in these fields.*

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