



# SMS SWISS MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY SMG

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Monday  
3.10.2011

**UNIVERSITÄT ZÜRICH** Arbeitsgemeinschaft in Codierungstheorie und Kryptographie  
JUDY WALKER (University of Nebraska)  
*Neural codes from a coding theory perspective*  
12.00 h. Institut für Mathematik, Winterthurerstr. 190, Zürich-Irchel, Hörsaal Y27H35/36

**ETH ZÜRICH** Algebra-Topology Seminar  
KARIN BAUR (Universität Graz)  
*A frieze (pattern) determinant*  
12:15-13:15 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43

**UNIVERSITÄT ZÜRICH** Oberseminar: Algebraische Geometrie  
BAPTISTE MORIN (Universität Münster)  
*tba*  
13.15-14.45 h. Institut für Mathematik, Winterthurerstr. 190, Zürich-Irchel, Hörsaal Y27H25

**ETH ZÜRICH** Symplectic Geometry Seminar  
RAHUL PANDHARIPANDE (ETHZ)  
*Some results and questions about virtual cycles for stable maps*  
15:15 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43

**UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE** Séminaire de Mathématique Physique  
JEAN-FRANÇOIS LE GALL (University Paris Sud)  
*Universality of the Brownian map*  
16.15 h. Section de mathématiques, 2-4, rue du Lièvre, Genève-Acacias, salle 17 (2ème étage)

**ETH / UNI ZÜRICH** Optimization and Applications Seminar  
ELAD HAZAN (Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa)  
*Sublinear optimization for machine learning*  
16:30-18:00 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 19.1  
Coffee: 16:10-16:30

**UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG** Michel Plancherel Lecture  
REIDUN TWAROCK (University of York)  
*Viruses and Coxeter groups: Group Theory as a Mathematical Microscope in Virology*  
17.15 - 18.15 h. Université Fribourg, Pérolles II, Fribourg, room G120  
<http://math.unifr.ch/colloquia.php>

Tuesday  
4.10.2011

**UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE** Séminaire "Groupes et géométrie"  
ALEXEY TALAMBUSSA (Steklov Institute)  
*On the minimal exponential growth rate of finitely generated groups*  
10:30 h. Section de mathématiques, 2-4, rue du Lièvre, Genève-Acacias, salle 623 (6ème étage)

**UNIVERSITÉ DE NEUCHÂTEL** Groups and analysis seminar  
VALERIO CAPRARO (Université de Neuchâtel)  
*Cyclic Hilbert spaces and Connes' embedding conjecture*  
10:30 h. Institut de mathématiques, rue Emile Argand 11, Neuchâtel, Auditoire B217

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>EPF LAUSANNE</b>	Séminaire d'algèbre et de théorie des nombres
<b>4.10.2011</b>	VALÉRY MAHÉ (EPFL) <i>Suites à divisibilité</i> 15:15 h. EPFL, Ecublens, Salle MA31 - Bâtiment MA - 3ème étage	
<b>ETH / UNI ZÜRICH</b>	ANDREA MONDINO (SISSA, Trieste) <i>The Willmore and others <math>L^2</math> curvature functionals in Riemannian manifolds</i> 15:15 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43	Analysis Seminar
<b>UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE</b>	XAVIER ANTOINE (Université Herni Poincaré Nancy 1) <i>Two numerical methods for solving high frequency multiple scattering problems</i> 15:15 h. Section de mathématiques, 2-4, rue du Lièvre, Genève-Acacias, salle 623	Séminaire d'analyse numérique
<b>ETH / UNI ZÜRICH</b>	DAVID BELIUS (ETHZ) <i>What is... a Cover Time?</i> 17:15-18:30 h. University of Zürich, Karl-Schmid-Str. 4, Zürich, room KO2-F-150	Zurich Graduate Colloquium
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG</b>	Oberseminar Geometrie
<b>5.10.2011</b>	PAUL TURNER (Université de Fribourg)) <i>The homotopy theory of Khovanov homology</i> 10:20-12:00 h. Seminarraum Mathematik II (Lonza Gebäude), Fribourg <a href="http://commonweb.unifr.ch/math/seminars/Osgeom-top.html">http://commonweb.unifr.ch/math/seminars/Osgeom-top.html</a>	
<b>EPF LAUSANNE</b>	LOREN COQUILLE (University of Geneva) <i>Gibbs measures of the 2d Ising model</i> 14:15 h. EPFL, Ecublens, Salle GR A3 32	Seminar of Probability and Stochastic Process
<b>ETH / UNI ZÜRICH</b>	GÁBOR ELEK (Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Hungary, and EPFL) <i>Quasi-invariant means and Zimmer amenability</i> 15:45 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43	Geometry Seminar
<b>ETH / UNI ZÜRICH</b>	NICHOLAS KISTLER (University of Bonn) <i>The extremal process of branching Brownian motion</i> 17:15 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43	Seminar on Stochastic Processes
<b>UNIVERSITÄT ZÜRICH</b>	GILLES LEBEAU (Université de Nice) <i>Hypoelliptic random walks</i> 18:10-19:10 h. Institut für Mathematik, Winterthurerstr. 190, Zürich-Irchel, Hörsaal Y27H35/36	Video Seminar in Analysis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>UNIVERSITÄT BASEL</b>	Seminar Zahlentheorie
<b>6.10.2011</b>	DAVID MASSER (Universität Basel) <i>Bcyclotomic Polynomials and Impossible Intersections</i> 14:15 h. Mathematisches Institut, Rheinsprung 21, Basel, grosser Hörsaal	
<b>ETH / UNI ZÜRICH</b>	PIERRE VOGEL (Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu, Paris) <i>tba</i> 15:15 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43	Talks in Mathematical Physics

**Thursday** **UNIVERSITÄT ZÜRICH** **Arbeitsgemeinschaft Analysis**  
**6.10.2011** MICHAEL WINKLER (Universität Paderborn)  
*Slowly traveling waves, blow-up at spatial infinity and homoclinic orbits in nonlinear parabolic equations of fast diffusion type*  
17.15 h. Institut für Mathematik, Winterthurerstr. 190, Zürich-Irchel, Hörsaal Y27H25

**Friday** **UNIVERSITÄT BASEL** **Seminar Algebra & Geometrie**  
**7.10.2011** BRUNO DUCHESNE (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Infinite-dimensional non-positively curved symmetric spaces of finite rank*  
10:30-12:00 h. Mathematisches Institut, Rheinsprung 21, Basel, kleiner Hörsaal

**UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE** **Research seminar in statistics**  
RICCARDO GATTO (University of Bern)  
*Actuarial Risk Evaluations by Lundberg's and Daniel's Conjugations*  
11:15 h. Section de mathématiques, 2-4, rue du Lièvre, Genève-Acacias, salle 5220

**ETH ZÜRICH** **Number Theory Seminar**  
ALEXANDER GAMBURD (CUNY Graduate Center)  
*Generalization of Selberg's 3/16 Theorem and Affine Sieve*  
14.15 h. ETH Zürich, Rämistr. 101, room HG G 43

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### ETH ZÜRICH

Colloquium in Honor of HANS RUDOLF KÜNSCH on the Occasion of his 60th Birthday  
**Monday - Tuesday, October 3-4, 2011**

*Keynote speakers:*

Jim Berger (Duke University),  
Stuart Geman (Brown University),  
Peter Green (University of Bristol)

*Invited Speakers:*

Rainer Dahlhaus (Heidelberg), Arnoldo Frigessi (Oslo), Reinhard Furrer (Zurich), Reto Knutti (Zurich), Christian P. Robert (Paris) University), Håvard Rue (Trondheim)

*Information and contact:* sekretariat@stat.math.ethz.ch

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### University of Wien

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

**LaWiNe - Lausanne/Wien/Neuchâtel,**  
Mathematical seminar on Sofic groups (and related subjects)

HANFENG LI (University of Buffalo)

14:00-14:45 h. *Entropy for actions of sofic groups*

15:15-16:00 h. *Independence and Loeb measure space*

University of Wien - room A310 (UZA2)

Funded by SNF Sinergia grant CRSI22-130435, the seminar meets once per month, alternatively on the 3 sites

<http://egg.epfl.ch/lawine/>

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