



Berlin Mathematical School

BMS Fridays Colloquium

Friday, November 23, 2007, at HU Berlin, Adlershof Campus

Tea starts at 1 pm at the Mathematics Institute
(Johann von Neumann-Haus, "Haus 1", ground floor, Rudower Chaussee 25)

Colloquium at 2:00 pm, at the Erwin Schrödinger-Zentrum
(Lecture Hall 0'115, Rudower Chaussee 26)

... followed by dedication of the new BMS Lounge
at Johann von Neumann-Haus, "Haus 1", ground floor

Claus Michael Ringel (Bielefeld):

"Invariant subspaces of nilpotent operators"

Claus Michael Ringel, a distinguished algebraist from Bielefeld, in this lecture intends to shatter the opinion that "the basic problems of finite-dimensional linear algebra are solved."

His lecture treats triples (V, U, T) , where V is a finite dimensional k -space, U a subspace of V and $T : V \rightarrow V$ a linear operator with $T^n = 0$ for some n , and such that $T(U) \subseteq U$. We will discuss the question whether it is possible to classify these triples. Obviously, the classification problem depends on n , and it will turn out that the decisive case is $n = 6$.

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