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Dear colloquium speaker,

The focus of the Mathematics Colloquium at the University of Bern are **non-technical talks aimed at a general audience of pure and applied mathematicians**. We therefore kindly ask you to bear the following matters in mind when preparing your talk:

- Most of the audience will consist of graduate students and faculty members from outside your field who will not be familiar with the subject area of your talk. In particular, talks should not be directed towards an audience of experts as is common in area-specific seminars. Should your talk be on a complicated or technical topic, you might want to consider presenting an overview of the area instead.
- It is very much appreciated if you can set your topic in a broader context and provide us with a gentle introduction to the field of your presentation.
- Please do not feel obliged to explain all ideas in a fully rigorous way. Indeed, most of the audience will very much appreciate a slightly informal approach to new topics and concepts.
- Talks should not exceed 50 minutes + 5 minutes questions and discussion.
- The lecture hall is equipped with a blackboard and a projector for laptop presentations.