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Thursday,  
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3:00 p.m.  
Classroom Building  
Room 130



## **Topology of Spaces of Commuting Matrices**

In this talk we will consider topological spaces arising from commuting unitary and orthogonal matrices. Basic properties will be discussed, such as the number and structure of their path components. Connections to representations, bundles and homotopy theoretic invariants will be explored. A number of explicit examples will be provided to illustrate these ideas.

Coffee in the Mathematics and Statistics Lounge,  
CW307.20 at 2:30 p.m.