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Advanced School and Workshop on Geometric Group Theory and Low-Dimensional Topology: Recent Connections and Advances

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The themes that the Advanced School and Workshop will focus are the very cutting edge of research in Geometry and Topology and its connections with Group Theory. The motivation for this advanced school is to expose students, postdocs and researchers to various key roles that geometric group theory has played in recent advances in low-dimensional topology and geometry. These include (but not limited to) the role of virtually special groups, representations of Kleinian groups in $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ and generalizations (e.g. Higher Teichmüller Theory), the Mapping Class Group and its recent role in low dimensional geometry and topology and group theoretic connections with Heegaard Floer theory through left-orderability.

TOPICS COVERED:

Virtually Special Groups and Cube Complexes
Geometry and Topology of Hyperbolic 3-Manifolds, the Mapping Class Group and Curve Complex
Higher Teichmüller Theory and Geometric Structures
Left Orderability, L-spaces and Applications to 3-Manifolds
Dynamics on Teichmüller Space and Moduli Space

The aim of the School and Workshop is to expose students, postdocs and researchers to these topics, as well as other recent work that impacts on both of these important areas.

Grants:

A limited number of grants are available to support the travel and living expenses of selected participants, with priority given to participants working in a developing country and who are at the early stages of their career.

TO REQUEST PARTICIPATION:

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