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# Seminar

## *Twisted Alexander polynomials and $L^2$ -Euler characteristics*

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### Abstract

It is known that twisted Alexander polynomials detect the Thurston norm of a 3-manifold. Also, Friedl and Lueck recently introduced a twisted version of the  $L^2$ -Euler characteristic for a 1st cohomology class of a group, and identified it with the Thurston norm in the case of a 3-manifold group. We will discuss the same relation between twisted Alexander polynomials and the twisted  $L^2$ -Euler characteristic for a more general class of groups.

Date: 26 November 2019 (Tuesday)  
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm  
Venue: Room 222, Lady Shaw Building,  
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*All are Welcome*