

Dynamics, Functional Equations, Infinite Combinatorics and Probability Conference 2017



In July 2012, we hosted a Mini-Conference on Infinite Combinatorics aimed at bringing together mathematicians researching in fields where a common underpinning was seen to be a theorem of Steinhaus.

Following the success of this event, the Department of Mathematics is pleased to announce a sequel conference with a wider remit:

Topological Dynamics, Functional Equations, Infinite Combinatorics and Probability Conference

Dates

12 – 14 June 2017, with registration from 10.00am and first sessions starting at 10.30am

Venues

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Programme

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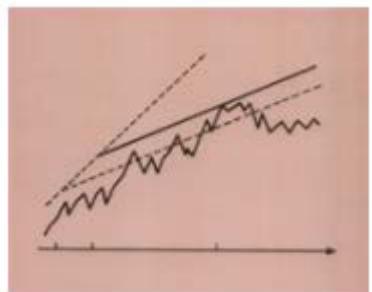
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Titles and Abstracts

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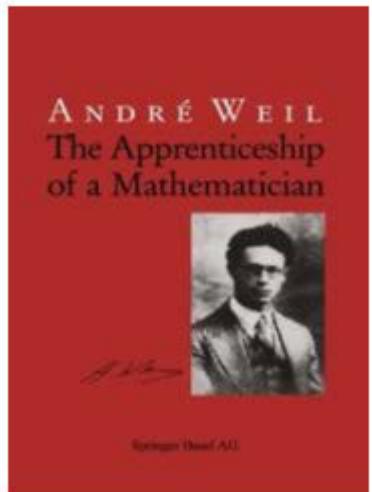
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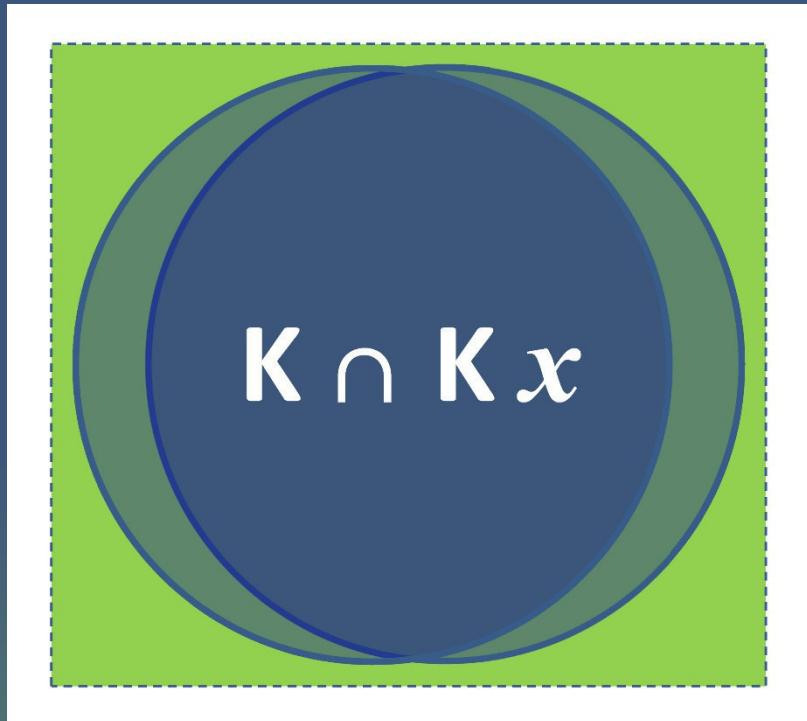
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Dona Strauss (Leeds) - *Subsets of βN which are not Borel*

Anyone who has worked with βN will not be surprised to learn that many subsets of this space are not topologically simple, even though they are very simple to define algebraically. I shall show that the following subsets of βN are not Borel: the set of idempotents, the smallest ideal, any principal proper right ideal, $\beta N + \beta N$.

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Marta Štefánková (Opava) - On generic and dense chaos for maps induced on hyperspace

A continuous map f on a compact metric space X induces in a natural way the map f on the hyperspace $K(X)$ of all closed non-empty subsets of X . We study the question of transmission of chaos between f and f . We deal with generic, generic ε -, dense and dense ε -chaos for interval maps. We prove that all four types of chaos transmit from f to f , while the converse transmission from f to f is true for generic, generic ε - and dense ε -chaos. Moreover, the transmission of dense ε - and generic ε -chaos from f to f is true for maps on general compact metric spaces.

Dona Strauss (Leeds) - Subsets of βN which are not Borel

Anyone who has worked with βN will not be surprised to learn that many subsets of this space are not topologically simple, even though they are very simple to define algebraically. I shall show that the following subsets of βN are not Borel: the set of idempotents, the smallest ideal, any principal proper right ideal, $\beta N + \beta N$.

This is joint work with Neil Hindman.

PLACES TO EAT: in and around LSE

Close by:

All Bar One – modern chain with full menu – 58

Kingsway

Belgo – Belgian beer & food – 67 Kingsway

Bill's – European chain with full menu – 42 Kingsway

Café Amici – Italian café – 7-9 Kingsway

Costa – standard café – 9-11 Kingsway

EAT – sandwich bar (chain) – 7-9 Kingsway

Paul – bakery & café – 36-38 Kingsway

Pret a Manger – standard café – 29 -33 Kingsway

Sainsburys – supermarket – 129-133 Kingsway

Shakespeare's Head – Wetherspoon's, standard pub food – 64-78 Kingsway

Starbucks – standard café – 10 Kingsway

Subway – fast food sandwich shop – 15 Kingsway

The Delaunay Counter – casual café-deli – 55

Aldwych

Viet Eat – Vietnamese – 48 Kingsway

Wasabi – Japanese chain serving bento boxes, sushi & hot food – 19 Kingsway

On campus:

The Bean Counter – café with hot & cold snacks – 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields

Café 54 – grab & go – New Academic Building

Fields Bar and Kitchen – perfect for a relaxed lunch – Lincoln's Inn Fields

Fourth Floor Café Bar – relaxing café with freshly made deli sandwiches – Old Building

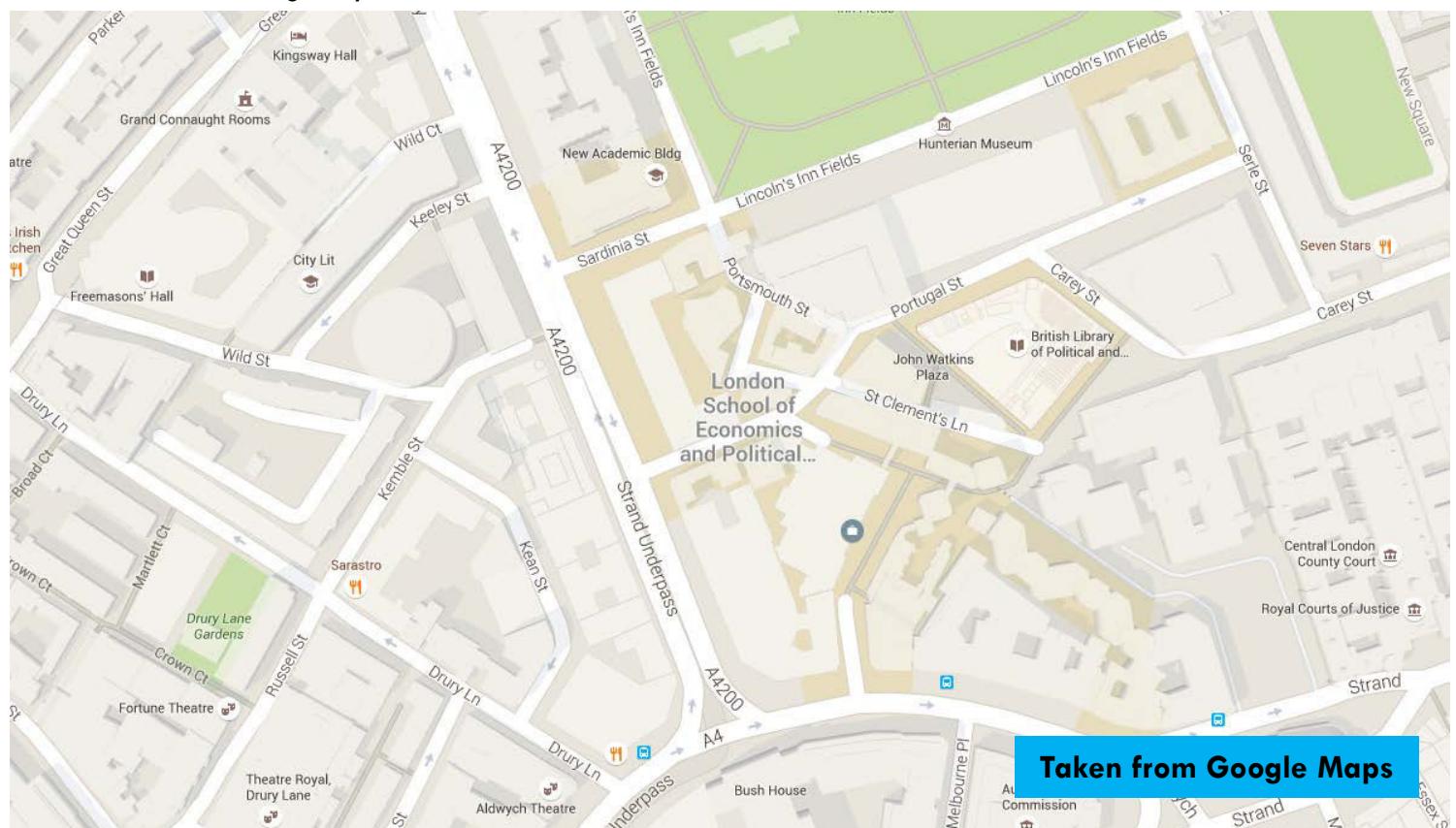
Fourth Floor Restaurant – offers a wealth of eating options – Old Building

George IV Pub – perfect for a pub lunch – Portugal Street

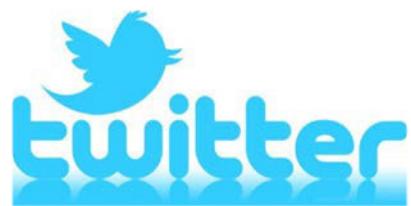
LSE Garrick – cafe & restaurant – Columbia House

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