



## Kolloquium über Reine Mathematik

Einladung zu einem Vortrag

**Dienstag, 06.01.2026**

17 Uhr, Geom H4

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What is a gradient-like vector field?

Abstract:

For many applications, one would like to replace the notion of a gradient vector field by the more flexible notion of a "gradient-like vector field". However, there is no consensus on this notion and various proposals have appeared in the literature. After reviewing some of these proposals, I will introduce a new notion of a gradient-like vector field and discuss its implications for the theory of Stein and Weinstein structures as well as some open questions.

**Vor dem Vortrag (ab 16.30 Uhr) stehen im Foyer vor Hörsaal H4  
Kaffee und Tee bereit.**