



## Kolloquium über Reine Mathematik

Einladung zu einem Vortrag

**Dienstag, 30. Januar 2024**

17 Uhr, Geom H4

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**What a real function knows about the manifold on which it is defined: a generalization of Morse theory**

Abstract:

Given a generic real function  $f$  on a closed manifold  $X$  and its gradient  $V$  with respect to some generic metric, the classical Morse theory yields a complex which computes the singular homology of  $X$ . In a recent joint work with JF. Barraud, V. Humilière and A. Oancea we defined a more general complex using the Morse data  $(f, V)$ : we call it Morse complex with differential graded coefficients. In this talk I will explain how we defined it, the significance of its homology in some particular cases, and the applications which motivated our work.

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