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# Colloquium

Title

*Quantized Gieseker varieties, Catalan combinatorics and homology of torus knots*

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Date: Feb 1, 2022

Time: 9:30 AM

Room: Via Zoom

**Abstract:** In the past decade the aims and techniques of classical representation theory have been greatly generalized to study representations of quantizations of Poisson varieties. In this talk, I will focus on one example that already exhibits many of the interesting parts of the theory, these are the quantized Gieseker varieties from the title. I will tie their finite-dimensional representation theory to classical Catalan combinatorics and elaborate on how these finite-dimensional representations conjecturally give the Khovanov-Rozansky homology of torus knots, a powerful invariant that is notoriously difficult to compute. Time permitting I will also give connections to the geometry of Hilbert schemes on singular curves, and give some directions of future research.

*Special morning time due to time difference.*