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FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Faculty Seminar

Schmidt Auditorium ,Schmidt Building
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NOTE THE UNUSUAL DAY AND PLACE

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What have we Learned from the Archimedes Palimpsest?

Abstract:

The rediscovery of the Archimedes Palimpsest in 1998 was a unique event: one of the most important authors of antiquity was read afresh, with many transformations made in the established text. Twenty years later, what have we learned from the Archimedes Palimpsest? What changed in our picture of the ancient history of mathematics?

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Refreshments will be served at 11:00am.