

Toilet paper

In the 1970s, Ford Prefect changed the entry about humanity in 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' from 'harmless' to 'mostly harmless'. A small detail that may have slipped your mind - especially since most of us weren't born at the time, but also because it didn't have any major repercussions. Should you feel the need to contradict the publishers of this galactic travel guide, we have collected some activities for you that can make your semester even more memorable. If, on the other hand, you prefer to avoid social interaction out of fear of upcoming exams, we are pleased to refer you to the two words found in big red letters on the cover of the guide: 'Don't panic!'

Re-registration and semester fee

Since we want to see you all again next semester, we would like to remind you of the upcoming re-registration deadlines. In January you should receive an email with instructions to find your personal pre-filled transfer order. This message will also tell you the exact fee that will be due for the coming semester. You will be automatically re-registered if you transfer this amount with your data formatted as instructed (matriculation number, surname, first name) to the specified FAU account between **1st and 8th Feb.** No further re-registration is necessary.

Kummerkasten (suggestion/complaint box)

Have you heard about our Kummerkasten? If you have a problem and you don't know who to contact about it, or you would like the subject to be kept confidential, you can simply write a letter to the Kummerkasten and drop it in the designated letterbox at the mailboxes opposite the Mathematics library. The Kummerkasten will only be attended to by one person at a time to ensure confidentiality. The person in charge of the Kummerkasten will then make sure that your concern (anonymously if you wish) is taken care of. You also have the possibility to write us an anonymous email. You can see how to do this on our contact page (QR code on the right).



Game nights

As Schiller once said: 'Man is only wholly Man when he is playing'. But not just Man, but everyone can become truly whole at our game nights. So join us on the **19th of January** and **31st of January** at **6 pm** in the exercise rooms in the department of Mathematics. We'll offer drinks and snacks for a small donation and may even order pizza for true enlightenment.

Old exams

Before you get too caught up in relaxation activities, most of us still have a few exams coming up. We can help you with that. With an extensive collection of memory protocols of past oral exams, we are happy to help you get a more reliable impression of what kind of questions you might have to expect. Just write us an email for which exams you would like to have old exams to prepare with and we will send you back suitable old exams. In return, we ask you record your own experiences for future generations and thus expand our collection. You are also welcome to come directly to one of our office hours. On **Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm** in the Mathematics FSI room and on **Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm** in the Physics FSI room you can also pick up the protocols in person or come to us with other questions and problems. You will find the deviating times for the semester break on our website in time.

Our Faculty - Our Research

On **Tuesday, the 17th of January**, there will be another edition of 'UFUF' (Our Faculty - Our Research). Prof. Dr. Gandalf Lechner from the chair of Mathematical Physics and Operator Algebras and Prof. Dr. Manuel Friedrich from the chair of Applied Math 1 will give you an insight into their current research. The talks will be given in German and take place in **lecture hall 12**, starting at **6 pm**.

Award for extraordinary commitment in teaching (PfbEidL)

You have had lecturers and tutors this semester who have gone above and beyond in their teaching duties? Maybe they offered extra practice hours, put together helpful animations, or stood up for your concerns to the professor? Then we are glad to offer you the opportunity to thank your lecturers together with us. Every year the FSI Maths/Physics/DS awards the PfbEidL to a lecturing or tutoring person. The award with a gift hamper will be given to the winner at the graduation ceremony, but you can nominate your lecturers and tutors now! Just go to our website or follow the QR code on the right and fill out the nomination form. The next award ceremony will take place after the summer semester of 2023.



How to reach us

Do you have any questions about studying? Would you like to learn more about us or our events? Or are you maybe considering joining the FSI? Then you can contact us either by mail (see below) or in person: We have weekly service hours, which are on **Tuesdays 12 - 1 pm** in the Mathematics FSI room under H11 and on **Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm** in the Physics FSI room under HF, or you just can knock on the door if someone's there. Our meetings take place every **Wednesday at 6 pm** - in even calendar weeks in the Physics FSI room, in odd weeks in the Mathematics FSI room. We are looking forward to seeing you!



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