



SFB-Seminar "Index Theory and Anomalies in QFT" (Teilprojekt C7)

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9.11.2015, 14:00 Uhr - 17:00 Uhr

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PROGRAMM:

14:00 - 14:30 Kaffeepause

14:30 - 15:30 **Prof. Dr. Christian Baer (U. Potsdam)**

An index theorem for compact Lorentzian manifolds with boundary

Starting with the classical Gauss-Bonnet theorem we give a short historical introduction to index theory. Then we show that the Dirac operator on a compact globally hyperbolic Lorentzian space-time with space like Cauchy boundary is a Fredholm operator if appropriate boundary conditions are imposed. We prove that the index of this operator is given formally by the same expression as in the index formula of Atiyah-Patodi-Singer for Riemannian manifolds with boundary.

This is the first index theorem for Lorentzian manifolds and, from an analytic perspective, the methods to obtain it are quite different from the classical Riemannian case.

15:30 - 16:00 Kaffeepause

16:00 - 17:00 **Prof. Dr. Alexander Strohmaier (Loughborough University)**

The gravitational chiral anomaly and index theory for hyperbolic operators

Anomalies play an important role in our understanding of Quantum Field Theory. They can be understood in the context of QFT in

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external fields in terms of charge generation by interaction with an external field. I will explain in rigorous terms the mathematics behind this process and relate it to index theory. I will then show how this relates to the index of the Dirac operator with Atiyah-Patodi-Singer boundary conditions as explained in the talk of C. Bär. This allows for a rigorous derivation of the gravitational chiral anomaly and an eta correction term. I will briefly discuss some physical consequences.

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