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To participate in the workshop, please use our registration website and register online:

Please note the following important details for your registration:

1. The registration fee is €75. It covers lunch and coffee breaks on Thursday and Friday.
2. **Online registration ends Wednesday, November 22** (one week before the workshop), to allow us to plan for catering. Payment options include credit card and bank transfer.
3. We invite all participants to an informal dinner on Thursday evening at Vetter, a local brewery and restaurant in the old part of town (see Conference Dinner). Note that the dinner is not included in the registration fee and that you will have to pay for your own food and drinks. If you plan to attend the dinner, please let us know during registration to help us make reservations.
Location Map (†)

Alternatively, go to the interactive [OpenStreetMap version](https://openstreetmap.org) online.
Workshop Venue

The workshop takes place in

Heidelberg University
Mathematikon
Im Neuenheimer Feld 205
69120 Heidelberg

Conference Room
5th Floor

On arrival, use the south entrance. In the lobby, elevators and stairs are located to your left and right, which you can take to the 5th floor. The conference room is directly in front of the elevators.

Coffee breaks and lunch will be served in the IWR Common Room, which is located right next to the conference room.

If you need to go shopping for groceries or at a drugstore during the workshop, there is a small shopping center located in the northern part of Mathematikon, about 200 meters from the venue.
Traveling to Heidelberg (1)

Heidelberg is located in South-East Germany. While it does not have an airport, it can be reached via the airports of Frankfurt or Stuttgart.

**Arrival by plane via Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)**

Frankfurt airport is located about one hour north of Heidelberg. Your shuttle options include:

3. Long distance bus from Frankfurt Airport (Terminal 1) to Heidelberg Hauptbahnhof [https://www.flixbus.de/busverbindung/fernbus-frankfurt-heidelberg](https://www.flixbus.de/busverbindung/fernbus-frankfurt-heidelberg)

**Arrival by plane via Stuttgart Airport (STR)**

Stuttgart airport is located about one hour south of Heidelberg. Your shuttle options include:

1. Long distance bus from Stuttgart Airport Busterminal (SAB) to Heidelberg Hauptbahnhof [https://www.flixbus.de/busverbindung/fernbus-stuttgart-heidelberg](https://www.flixbus.de/busverbindung/fernbus-stuttgart-heidelberg)
2. Deutsche Bahn (DB) train from Stuttgart Flughafen / Messe to Heidelberg Hauptbahnhof (S2 or S3 train to Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof, IC train to Heidelberg) [https://www.bahn.com/en/](https://www.bahn.com/en/)

**Arrival by train**

Heidelberg Hauptbahnhof can be reached from most German cities by high speed ICE train to Mannheim Hauptbahnhof. From Mannheim, take regional train S1, S3, or S4 to Heidelberg Hauptbahnhof. [https://www.bahn.com/en/](https://www.bahn.com/en/)
Public Transportation (†)

Heidelberg has a tram and bus system operated by RNV.

Single tickets that are valid within city limits cost €2.50 per trip and can be bought from vending machines. When going by tram, you must buy the ticket before boarding the tram and validate it inside the tram. When going by bus, you also have the option of buying a ticket from the driver.

Vending machines take coins, bills and EC cards. For buying a ticket from the driver, make sure to have coins, €5 or €10 bills.

Trams and buses run every 10 minutes during daytime and every 20-30 minutes at night (until around 1am)

Reaching the workshop venue
The two central lines that are likely going to get you where you need to go are Bus 31 and Tram 24 (see also the location map).

Bus 31
Runs from the stops University Square and Bismarckplatz in the old part of town to Neuenheimer Feld. To reach Mathematikon, board the bus in direction Neuenheim, Chirurgische Klinik and get off the bus at stop Bunsengymnasium.

Tram 24
Connects the north part of Heidelberg to the main train station. To reach Mathematikon, board the tram in direction Handschuhsheim or Hans-Thoma Platz and get off the tram at stop Bunsengymnasium.
Hotels (1)

Heidelberg is a well-known tourist destination and has many hotels. While there are very few hotels located directly near the venue, many hotels are within walking distance of the venue (~15 minutes) or a short bus ride away (see public transportation).

Many of the more affordable hotels (and some hostels) are located near the central railway station and can be reached by tram line 24 from the venue, using the stop Hauptbahnhof.

Further hotels, including some of the more costly options, are available in the old part of town, which can be reached from the venue by bus line 31 using the stops Bismarckplatz or Universitätsplatz.

Hotel Café Frisch
This small hotel is located within walking distance of the venue (Jahnstraße 34, 69120 Heidelberg) and is not listed in most of the commonly used booking websites. You can make reservations directly on the hotel’s website. http://www.cafe-frisch.de/hotel.htm
Workshop Dinner

The workshop dinner will take place on Thursday evening, 19:00 at Vetter's Brauhaus, Steingasse 9, 69117 Heidelberg. Please note that the dinner is not included in your registration fee and organized on a self-pay basis. You are free to order whichever food and drinks you like. A menu is available on the website of the restaurant.

To allow us to make reservations, please let us know with your registration if you plan to attend the dinner (see registration).
Heidelberg is a well-known tourist destination, so it is no accident that the workshop ends on a Friday. If you'd like to spend some time exploring the city and are trying to figure out what to see, we recommend that you start with the city's web site.

Last but not least, it is the season for Christmas markets, which can be found at several locations all over the old part of town during this time of year, including right next to the restaurant that is hosting the workshop dinner.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Heidelberg!