

Department of Mathematics, BGU

BGU Probability and Ergodic Theory (PET) seminar

On Thursday, January 3, 2019

At 11:00 – 12:00

In 101-

Chandrika Sadanand (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

will talk about

You can hear the shape of a polygonal billiard table

Abstract: Consider a polygon-shaped billiard table on which a ball can roll along straight lines and reflect off of edges infinitely. In work joint with Moon Duchin, Viveka Erlandsson and Chris Leininger, we have characterized the relationship between the shape of a polygonal billiard table and the set of possible infinite edge itineraries of balls travelling on it. In this talk, we will explore this relationship and the tools used in our characterization (notably a new rigidity result for flat cone metrics).