



**Ben Gurion University - Mathematics**  
**Algebraic Geometry and Number Theory Seminar**

*Speaker*      **Billy Woods (BGU)**  
*Title*          **Iwasawa Algebras**  
*Date*          Wednesday, 29 March 2017  
*Time*          15:10 – 16:30 (starts 15:10 sharp)  
*Location*      Room -101 in Building 58

*Abstract*      An Iwasawa algebra is the completed group algebra  $kG$  of a compact  $p$ -adic analytic group  $G$ , over an appropriate (usually profinite) commutative ring  $k$ . These form a large class of rings with nice properties: for example, they are semilocal and noetherian. I will define these objects, briefly outline how and why they arose (in their commutative form) in number theory, and then explain some of what is known about their algebraic properties.

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