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## Rewriting Analysis using Set Theory: Real Numbers in the Theory of Functionaries

**21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Speaker: **Matouš Vladimír Schnabel**

**Abstract:** This talk is a two-part series, presenting the Theory of Functionaries. Developed by Matouš Schnabel in 2nd year, it is a novel theory which rewrites elementary analysis through the viewpoint of set theory.

**Part I: 21st January, Time: 4.30-5.30pm,**

**Location: Room 500, Maths department, 25 Gordon Street**

Starting with basic set theory concepts such as natural numbers and functions, the talk will cover how to construct the real numbers as sets of functions on natural numbers.

**Part II: 28th January, Time: 4-5pm,**

**Location: B03, Ricardo LT, Drayton House, 30 Gordon St** The second talk will serve as a continuation and, time permitting, discuss potential uses and introduce functionaries. These presentations will not be recorded, so do not miss a unique opportunity!

A real number with an auxiliary base  $b$  is the set:

$$r_b := \{f \in N_\phi \mid \exists h \in b, \forall N \in \omega_+, \exists r \in \omega, \exists \alpha \in {}^{[1,r]^\omega} \omega_+, \forall n \in [0, N], [c_{\alpha(k)}]_{k=1}^r(f)(n) = h(n)\}$$

Addition of finite functions is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (f + g)(0) = f(0)g(0) & \sigma(f) = \sigma(g) \wedge f \notin [0] \wedge g \notin [0] \\ (f + g)(n) = f(n) + g(n) & n \in \omega_+ \\ (f + g)(0) = \begin{cases} f(0) & |[f]| \geq |[g]| \\ g(0) & |[f]| < |[g]| \end{cases} & \sigma(f) \neq \sigma(g) \vee f \in [0] \vee g \in [0] \\ (f + g)(n) = \begin{cases} f_g(n) - g(n) & |[f]| \geq |[g]| \\ g_f(n) - f(n) & |[f]| < |[g]| \end{cases} & n \in \omega_+ \end{array} \right.$$