Mitul Islam Curriculum Vitae

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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Geometric structures on manifolds, moduli spaces, and group actions preserving geometric structures

- Discrete subgroups of Lie groups
- Non-positive curvature and geometric group theory
- Local and global rigidity of group actions on compact manifolds (e.g. boundaries)

#### EMPLOYMENT

Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences

 $Postdoctoral\ Researcher$ (October 2023- Present)

Division: Geometry, Groups, and Dynamics (led by Anna Wienhard)

 $Postdoctoral\ Researcher$ 

Universität Heidelberg Research Station Geometry and Dynamics

(2021- 2023)

Mentor: Beatrice Pozzetti

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ph.D. (2016- 2021)

Dissertation: Rank one phenomena in convex projective geometry

Advisor: Ralf Spatzier

**Indian Statistical Institute** 

M. Math (2014-2016)

Thesis: Non-commutative Geometry of Baumslag-Solitar group BS(1,-1)

P.C.Panser Gold Medal

Jadavpur University Mathematics (Honours) Bachelor of Science (2011-2014) University Gold Medal

Publications and Preprints

1. A flat torus theorem for convex co-compact actions of projective linear groups. Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1907.03277

Journal of the London Mathematical Society (2021) Vol 3 Issue 2 470-489 (19 pages).

2. Convex co-compact actions of relatively hyperbolic groups. Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1910.08885

Geometry & Topology 27 (2023) 417-511 (95 pages).

3. Rank one Hilbert geometries.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 1912.13013

To appear in **Geometry & Topology** (72 pages).

4. Convex co-compact representations of 3-manifold groups. Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 2009.05191

Journal of Topology (2024) Volume 17 Issue 2 (56 pages).

5. Convex co-compact groups with one dimensional boundary faces.

ArXiv 2104.05056

Groups, Geometry, and Dynamics (32 pages).

Published as 'online first': doi 10.4171/GGD/812

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6. The structure of relatively hyperbolic groups in convex real projective geometry.
Joint with Andrew Zimmer.
Submitted (31 pages). Available on ArXiv.
7. Boundary actions of lattices and C<sup>0</sup> local semi-rigidity.
Joint with Chris Connell, Thang Nguyen, and Ralf Spatzier.
Submitted (61 pages). Available on ArXiv.
8. Morse properties in convex projective geometry.

Joint with Theodore Weisman.
Submitted (59 pages). Available on ArXiv.

ArXiv 2406.00558

9. Rigidity of compact rank one symmetric spaces.
Joint with Chris Connell, Thang Nguyen, and Ralf Spatzier.
Submitted (15 pages). Available on ArXiv.

# OTHER WRITINGS

Preliminaries on dynamics on geometrically finite hyperbolic manifolds. **Oberwolfach Report** No. 50/2021, pages 2732-2734. (link)

Arbeitsgemeinschaft (Thin groups and Super-approximation), October 2021.

#### Projects in Preparation

1. Asymmetrically Anosov representations and geometrically finite groups. Joint with Feng Zhu and Balthazar Fléchelles.

#### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan	2020-2021
Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan	2020
Mathematics Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2019
Mathematics Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2018
Alice Weber Glover in Math Scholarship, University of Michigan	2017
P. C. Panser Gold Medal, Indian Statistical Institute, India	2017
Kishore Vaigynaik Protsahan Yojana, Govt. of India	2010-2016
Masters' scholarship, National Board of Higher Mathematics, India	2014
University Gold Medal, Jadavpur University, India	2014

## Talks

#### Mini-courses

Mini-course (3-part, 4.5 hours) at the conference *Groups and Rigidity Around Zimmer* Sept. 2023 *Program* (GRAZP Conference), Ventotene, titled "Actions of lattices on boundaries"

Lecture series (3-part, 3 hours) titled "Convex Projective Structures", Indian Statistical Institute - Kolkata, India

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# Conference Talks

Actions of large groups, geometric structures, and the Zimmer program: Workshop as	June 2024
part of the thematic trimester on Zimmer program, Institut Henri Poincare (IHP) Paris	
Arbeitsgemeinschaft: Thin Groups and Super-strong Approximation, Oberwolfach	Oct. 2021
Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology Conference (NCNGT) (virtual talk)	June 2020

# INVITED SEMINAR TALKS

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University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg	upcoming
Universitá di Bologna, Italy	upcoming
Colloquium, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, India	April $2024$
Groups and dynamics seminar, Univ. of Texas-Austin	Feb. 2024
Geometry seminar, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	Jan. 2024
Geometric group theory seminar, Ohio State Univ.	Jan. 2024
Geometry seminar, University of Michigan	Jan. 2024
Geometry seminar, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India	$March\ 2023$
Seminar, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bangalore, India	$March\ 2023$
Colloquium, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, India	$March\ 2023$
Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Mumbai, Mumbai, India	$March\ 2023$
Geometriy seminar, Florida State University	Nov. 2022
Geometric Analysis seminar, IIT Mumbai, India	Nov. 2022
Ergodic Theory seminar, Institut de Recherche Mathematique de Rennes IRMAR,	$May\ 2022$
Rennes	
Colloquium, Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata, India	Dec. 2021
Young Researcher's Meeting of the GDR Platon, CIRM - Marseille	Nov. 2021
Topology and Geometric Group Theory Seminar, Ohio State University	Nov. 2021
Geometry Seminar, University of Virginia	$March\ 2021$
Geometry Seminar, Indiana University Bloomington	Dec. 2020
McGill Geometric Group Theory Seminar, McGill University	Nov. 2020
MSRI, Random and Arithmetic Structures in Topology (virtual semester)	Nov. 2020
Topology Seminar, University of Texas, Austin	Nov. 2019
Indian Statistical institute, Kolkata, India	Jan. 2019
Indian Statistical institute, Kolkata, India	July 2017

# Teaching

# At Universität Heidelberg and as the primary instructor:

Matrix Groups (Course webpage) Summer 2023

# At the University of Michigan and as the primary instructor:

Math 115 Differential Calculus	Fall 2019
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Fall 2018
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Winter 2018
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Fall 2017
Math 115 Differential Calculus	Winter 2017
Math 105 Pre-calculus	Fall 2016

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#### MENTORING

• Young Researchers' Workshop (20 years of Anosov representation), October 2024

Place: Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences, Leipzig

Mentoring a graduate student for the talk entitled "Convex Projective Manifolds" as part of the workshop; see website.

• Laboratory of Geometry - LoG(M), January-April 2020

Place: University of Michigan.

Project: Entropy degeneration of ideal projective pants.

Co-mentored a group of three undergraduate students, alongside two faculty mentors Harrison Bray and Giuseppe Martone. Helped run lectures and discussion sessions. Contributed in the discussion sessions on the computational/coding component of the project.

#### OUTREACH

• Celebrating the Poincaré Conjecture (Millenium Prize Problems Mathfest, Heidelberg University, July 2022)

<u>Event</u>: A set of public events and lectures on the Poincareé conjecture aimed at the general public. Workshops were organized for school students.

<u>Role</u>: Worked in the team that created the website (aimed at explaining the Poincare conjecture to the public) and helped with the rest of the aspects of the event organization.

• Public webinar titled **Hyperbolic Geometry and Beyond - An Algebraic and Dynamical Perspective** (Department of Applied Mathematics, Calcutta University, December 2021)

Event: A webinar was targeted towards young students with a goal towards motivating them for mathematics and research.

<u>Role</u>: Acted as a resource person and gave a talk at a webinar organized by University of Calcutta on December 2021.

# SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION

**Reviewer** Mathematische Zeitschrift

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Organization (Heidelberg University)

Differential Geometry seminar (co-organizer) October 2021 - July 2023

## Organization (University of Michigan)

Learning seminar ("Super-rigidity of higher rank lattices")	February - June 2020
Learning seminar ("Benoist's work on convex divisible sets")	February - April 2019
Student Geometry/ Topology seminar (co-organizer)	January 2019 - April 2020
Student Dynamics seminar (co-organizer)	January 2019 - April 2020

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