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

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

 $Postdoctoral\ Researcher$ (October 2023- Present)

# Universität Heidelberg

Research Station Geometry and Dynamics

Mentor: Beatrice Pozzetti

 $Postdoctoral\ Researcher$ 

(2021- 2023)

#### 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. ArXiv 1907.03277 Joint with Andrew Zimmer. Posted on 07.07.2019

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 Posted on 20.10.2019

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

3. Rank-one Hilbert geometries.

To appear in Geometry & Topology (72 pages).

ArXiv 1912.13013 Posted on 30.12.2019

4. Convex co-compact representations of 3-manifold groups.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

ArXiv 2009.05191 Posted on 11.09.2020

Second revision submitted, under consideration at **Journal of Topology** (40 pages).

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

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Second revision submitted, under consideration at Groups, Geometry, and Dynamics (24 pages).

6. The structure of relatively hyperbolic groups in convex real projective geometry.

Joint with Andrew Zimmer.

Submitted (31 pages).

ArXiv 2203.16596 Posted on 30.03.2022

7. Boundary actions of lattices and  $C^0$  local semi-rigidity. Joint with Chris Connell, Thang Nguyen, and Ralf Spatzier. Submitted (61 pages).

ArXiv 2303.00543 Posted on 01.03.2023

## OTHER WRITINGS

Preliminaries on dynamics on geometrically finite hyperbolic manifolds.

**Oberwolfach Report** No. 50/2021, pages 2732-2734.

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

## PROJECTS IN PREPARATION

- 1. Morse boundaries in convex projective geometry. Joint with Theodore Weisman.
- 2. Relatively Anosov representations, Geometric Finiteness, and Convex Projective Structures. Joint with Feng Zhu.

## Talks

| Mini-courses  |            |
|---|------------|
| Mini-course (3-part, 4.5 hours) at the conference Groups and Rigidity Around Zimmer Program (GRAZP Conference), Ventotene, titled "Actions of lattices on boundaries" | Sept. 2023 |
| Lecture series (3-part, 3 hours) titled "Convex Projective Structures", Indian Statistical Institute - Kolkata, India   | Dec. 2022  |
| Conferences   |            |
| Arbeitsgemeinschaft: Thin Groups and Super-strong Approximation, Oberwolfach  | Oct. 2021  |
| Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology Conference (NCNGT) (virtual talk)  | June 2020  |
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| Invited Seminar Talks   |            |
| 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, Rennes  | May 2022   |

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| Colloquium, Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata, India               | Dec. 2021     |
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| 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     |

## RESEARCH VISITS

| Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai        | March 2023    |
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| Institut de Recherche Mathematique de Rennes (IRMAR), Rennes | May 2022      |
| Louisiana State Univeristy                                   | March 2020    |
| University of Texas - Austin                                 | November 2019 |

# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

| Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan            | 2020-2021 |
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| 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      |

## 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

# Laboratory of Geometry - LoG(M), University of Michigan (January-April 2020)

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, lectures, and workshops on the Poincareé conjecture aimed at high 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 workshops and organization.

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

Event: A webinar for undergraduate students, often from underprivileged backgrounds, with the goal to motivate them for mathematics research.

Role: Acted as a resource person, gave a talk at the webinar, participated in an interaction session with the students.

SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION

# Reviewer/Quick Opinions

Mathematische Zeitschrift, Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici

# 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      |
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| 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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