# <u> Sofia - Kovalevskaya - Lecture</u>

# Speaker



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#### Title: HIGHER TEICHMÜLLER THEORY AND GEODESIC CURRENTS

### Abstract:

We start by recalling features of classical Teichmüller space of a topological surface. We explain the notion of "higher Teichmüller" by introducing the notion of maximal representations and of Hitchin component and we see how some of the classical features, such as the Thurston compactification, generalize to the "higher Teichmüller" setting.

In the process we explain a structure theorem for geodesic currents. This is joint work with M. Burger, A. Parreau and B. Pozzetti.

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