

**NITheCS Colloquium**  
**Monday, 28 February 2022, 16h00 – 17h00**  
Dr Eder Kikianty (University of Pretoria)

## **'Mathematics of South Africa'**



### **ABSTRACT**

In this talk, I will provide an overview of the history of mathematics in South Africa, from the colonial era to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This talk is an amalgamation of my projects with Tomoko Kitagawa (Oxford University) and Loyiso Nongxa (Vice-president of IMU).

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Eder Kikianty was born in Berastagi, Indonesia and studied Mathematics at Bandung Institute of Technology.

She graduated with a PhD in Mathematics from Victoria University in Australia and worked briefly at the National ICT Australia before relocating to South Africa. She is currently a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of Pretoria.

Her research interests include geometry of Banach spaces and semi-inner product spaces.

She loves working with students and organising various student activities, such as undergraduate seminars and mathematics competitions.

Other than mathematics, she enjoys playing piano and ukulele, ballet dancing, reading epic fantasy novels and detective fiction, origami and board games.

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