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K-Theory, Quadratic Forms and Number Theory Seminar

Professor Jeremy Lovejoy (Paris 7)

will speak on

Congruences for smallest parts functions

Thu 13th October 2011 at 4:00PM

Location: Mathematical Sciences Seminar Room (Ag 1.01)

Let $spt(n)$ denote the number of smallest parts in the partitions of n . The generating function for $spt(n)$, after the addition of some quasimodular forms, is a weight $3/2$ mock modular form. We will discuss how this fact can be used to give explicit congruences for $spt(n)$ modulo powers of arbitrary primes. We will compare these congruences with those for the ordinary partition function $p(n)$.

This talk is part of the **K-Theory, Quadratic Forms and Number Theory** series. For more, see <https://maths.ucd.ie/seminars>