



## Informatik-Kolloquium

Der Fachbereich Informatik der Johannes Kepler Universität Linz<sup>1</sup> lädt in Zusammenarbeit mit der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Informatik (ÖGI) zu folgendem Vortrag ein:

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### **A Geometrically Enhanced Conceptual Model and Query Language**

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#### **Abstract:**

Motivated by our experiences with spatial modelling for the sustainable land use initiative we present a geometrically enhanced ER model (GERM), which preserves the key principles of entity-relationship modelling and at the same time introduces bulk constructors and geometric features. The model distinguishes between a syntactic level of types and an explicit internal level, in which types give rise to polyhedra that are defined by algebraic varieties. Together with GERM we present a query language (GERM\_SQL) on the conceptual level with means for describing and composing geometric data that are compatible with the dual representation of geometric data on the surface and the internal level. Further, it emphasises the stability of algebraic operations by means of a natural modelling algebra that extends the usual Boolean operations on point sets.

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