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## **Analysis Seminar**

## FRIDAY, September 07, 2018

13:00-14:00 – Room 646 PGH

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**Title:** Simplicity of Intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras

**Abstract:** Suppose that G is a discrete group, which acts on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra A by \*automorphisms. A unital G- $C^*$ -algebra A is called G-simple if it doesn't admit any G-invariant two sided closed ideal. For a G-simple, unital G- $C^*$ -algebra A, it is known that  $A \rtimes_{\alpha,r} G$  is simple, when G is  $C^*$ -simple group. During this talk, we restrict ourselves to unital commutative G- $C^*$ -algebras A, which are G-simple. Using the new notion of stationary  $C^*$ -dynamical systems, introduced by Yair Hartman and Mehrdad Kalantar, we show that, for a minimal action of a  $C^*$ -simple group G on a compact Hausdorff space X, every unital G- $C^*$ -subalgebra of the reduced crossed product  $C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha,r} G$  is G-simple. This allows us to conclude that, every intermediate  $C^*$ -algebra A of the form  $C^*_{\lambda}(\Gamma) \subseteq A \subseteq C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha,r} G$  is simple. This is a joint work with Mehrdad Kalantar.