The goal of this summer school is for participants to learn about the classification of manifolds, up to homeomorphism and diffeomorphism within a fixed homotopy type, using the technique of surgery.

This mathematics interacts with algebraic topology, geometric topology, differential topology, geometric group theory, and geometric functional analysis. The capstone speaker will be Guoliang Yu, who will discuss connections of surgery theory with index theory, with the Dirac operator and the existence of metrics of positive scalar curvature, and with the Novikov and Baum-Connes conjectures.

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