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Mathematics without Apologies: Portrait of a Problematic Vocation

Public lecture & book signing
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What is it that mathematicians do, and why do they do it?

Reflecting on the practice of mathematical research "without apologies" (an allusion to G.H. Hardy's 1940 *Mathematician's Apology*), Professor Michael Harris sheds a more nuanced light on the vocation than is suggested by the epithets good, true and beautiful usually attributed to it, and discusses the issue of social responsibility.

Michael Harris is professor of mathematics at the Université Paris Diderot and Columbia University, and author of the book *Mathematics without Apologies: Portrait of a Problematic Vocation* by *Princeton University Press*.

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