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# BMS Friday Colloquium

**Friday 22 October 2010 at 16:00**

*Tea before lecture begins at 15:00*

BMS Loft, Urania, An der Urania 17, 10787 Berlin



## Don Zagier

*(MPI Bonn)*



### Mathematics in Another World

Don Zagier will give a short report on the development Japanese mathematics in the Edo period, during which the country was almost entirely cut off from the rest of the world for a period of 250 years.

There were many very interesting discoveries made in particular by the two great mathematicians Seki Takakazu and his disciple Takebe Katahiro.

Don Zagier earned undergraduate degrees at MIT, when he was just 16. He was 20 when he completed his doctorate under Hirzebruch. In 1975, he became professor of mathematics in Bonn, Germany's youngest at the age of 25. He has worked as a professor at the Universities of Maryland, Kyushu and Utrecht. He is currently scientific member and Director of the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn and chaired professor of number theory at the Collège de France in Paris.