



# TOPOLOGY SEMINAR

## Simplicial distributions

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**Abstract:** In this talk, I will talk about simplicial distributions, new combinatorial objects that mix elementary probability theory with simplicial sets. The main point needed from the previous talk is the definition of  $D_R$  monad. I will extend this monad to the category of simplicial sets and consider the Kleisli category. This theory encapsulates an important notion from quantum theory known as quantum contextuality. I will give important examples that come from physics. I will show topological intuition can give a more systematic approach and provide new ways of proving results. There will be follow-up talks providing more applications and details of the theory. This is joint work with Selman Ipek and Aziz Kharoof, based on <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.06648>.

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