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Conference

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“Algebraic structure in the second dual of ideals of group algebras and related Banach algebras”

ABSTRACT: It is well-known that when the second dual  $L^1(G)^{**}$  of the group algebra  $L^1(G)$  of a locally compact group  $G$  is furnished with one of the Arens multiplications, the only elements  $p$  in  $L^1(G)^{**}$  for which both multiplication operators  $q \rightarrow pq$  and  $q \rightarrow qp$  are continuous are the elements of  $L^1(G)$ . In short,  $Z_t(L^1(G)^{**}) = L^1(G)$ , the topological center of  $L^1(G)^{**}$  is  $L^1(G)$ , i.e., it is as small as it gets. One says in this case that  $L^1(G)$  is strongly Arens irregular. It is also known (at least, since Ülger's 2011 paper [*Characterizations of Riesz sets*]) that infinite dimensional ideals of  $L^1(G)$  can be Arens regular, i.e., that multiplication on their second duals can even be (separately) continuous. In this talk, we will discuss the Arens regularity properties of ideals of  $L^1(G)$  with  $G$  compact and Abelian and will show that all sorts of behaviour are possible and actually occur. We will see that there is a correlation between these properties and the thinness of the subset of the dual group  $G'$  where the Fourier transforms of the elements of the ideal are supported. On our way, we will be stressing those aspects that can be replicated on a wide family of Banach algebras that include the algebra  $L^1(G)$  for  $G$  compact (not necessarily Abelian) or the Fourier algebra  $A(G)$  with  $G$  amenable and discrete.

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