

## Pathways Lecture Series in Mathematics, KEIO

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**Lecture 1** 15:00 ~ 16:00 June 28, 2006 (Wednesday)

Place: 14-217 (Discussion Room 7), Yagami Campus

**Lecture 2** 16:30 ~ 17:30 June 28, 2006 (Wednesday)

Place: 14-217 (Discussion Room 7), Yagami Campus

**Lecture 3** 16:30 ~ 17:30 June 30, 2006 (Friday)

Place: 14-218 (Discussion Room 8), Yagami Campus

### Some aspects of deformation quantization

Deformation quantization consists in deforming the algebra of functions on a Poisson manifold into a noncommutative algebra. The whole subject underwent major developments during the past decade. The purpose of these elementary lectures is to provide an introduction to fundamental notions and tools needed for accessing the research literature in this field.

We shall essentially cover the following topics:

- A) Physical origin of deformation quantization and key concepts.
- B) Gerstenhaber's theory of deformation of algebraic structures.
- C) Kontsevich's construction of deformation quantization on a Poisson manifold.

I will try to keep the lectures self-contained and no prior knowledge of these topics will be assumed.