

CONTRACTIONS VIA MODULI OF SHEAVES**Speaker: Svetlana Makarova****Australian National University****Time: Mon., Nov. 2nd, 10:00-11:00****Venue: Room 102, SCMS**

Abstract: Consider the stack of ideal sheaves of l points on a smooth projective variety X . Its good moduli space is the well-known Hilbert scheme of l points $\text{Hilb}^l(X)$. In this talk, I will define a certain enlargement U of this stack and prove that it admits a good moduli space, which happens to recover a lot of known geometric contractions. As an application in the toy case $l=1$, I will explain how this construction helps contract rational curves on higher-dimensional varieties and, time permitting, use the interpretation of the surgery as a fine moduli of sheaves to prove instances Kawamata's DK-conjecture in this setting. This is joint work with Andres Fernandez Herrero.