

# TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Department of Mathematics

## Analysis Seminar

Room 617 Wachman Hall

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### *Non-vanishing of $L$ -functions of Hilbert modular forms in the critical strip*

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**Abstract:** Modular forms are analytic functions defined on the upper half-plane with a specific transformation law under elements of the full modular group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . In this talk, we give different motivations to the theory and then give an explicit introduction about the main definitions in the theory of modular forms. Interesting series called  $L$ -series, constructed using the Fourier coefficients of modular forms have important connections to elliptic curves. We show that, on average, the  $L$ -functions of cuspidal Hilbert modular forms (a generalization of classical modular forms) with sufficiently large weight  $k$  do not vanish on the line segments  $\Im(s) = t_0$ ,  $\Re(s) \in (\frac{k-1}{2}, \frac{k}{2} - \epsilon) \cup (\frac{k}{2} + \epsilon, \frac{k+1}{2})$ .