

# Categorification in Low Dimensional Topology

student workshop 21–25 July 2025 + research conference 25–26 July 2025  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

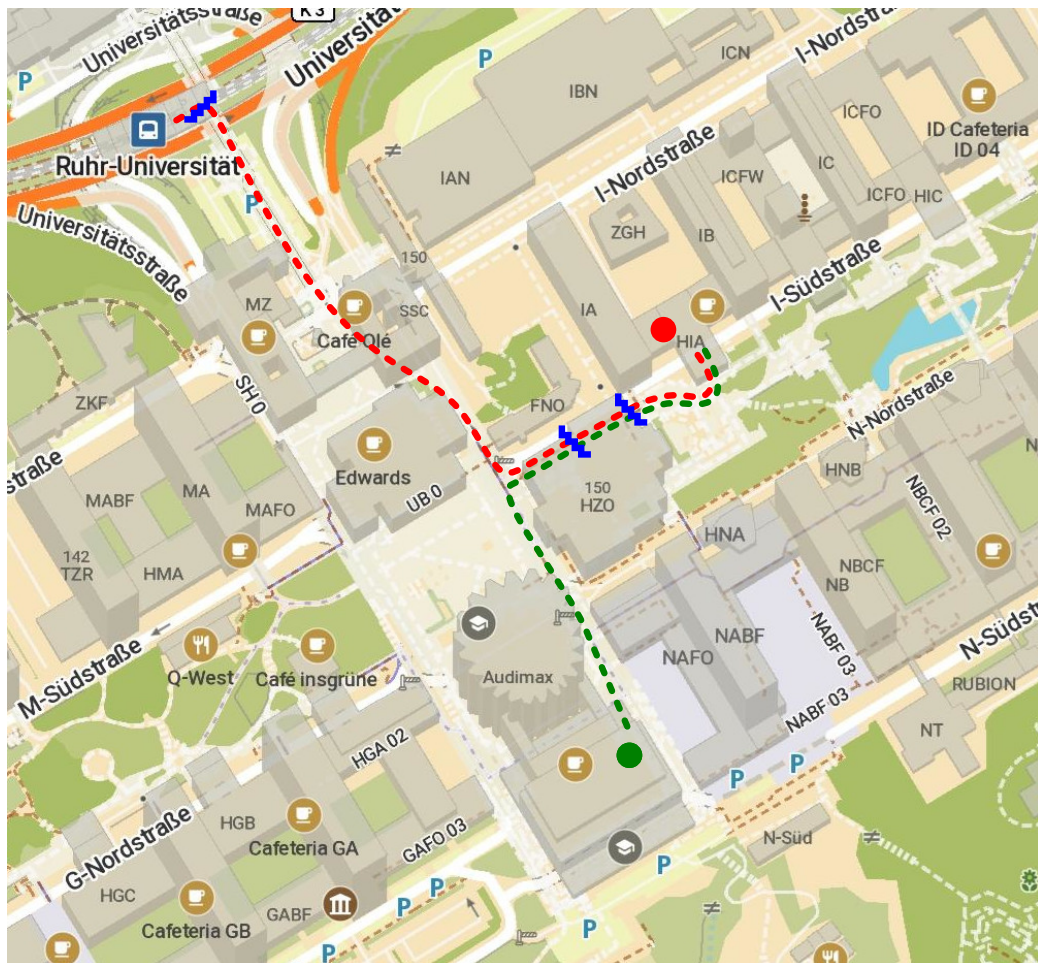
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## Local information

### Directions from the U35 metro station “Ruhr-Universität”

All lectures and talks will be in lecture hall IA 01/473. You can get there by following the red path in the map below.

Wayfinding on the RUB campus can be tricky sometimes. The most important thing to know is that level 03 should be read as  $-3$ , so it is different from level 3.



● lecture hall IA 01/473

● lunch

▬ stairs\*

*\*Participants with mobility issues, please contact the organizers.*

## Travelling to Ruhr University Bochum

Directions for travel to Ruhr University Bochum can be found here:

<https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/fnzgg/anreise.html.en>

## Restaurants (recommended by Chen Zhang)

**Campus.** There are three dining halls on campus. The first two only offer lunch, and the third one also offers dinner. You can also find the menu on their website.

- AKAFÖ Mensa der Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- AKAFÖ Rote Bete (Vegan)
- Q-West

**Uni Center.** This is the place where you get off U35. There are a few restaurants here and a supermarket if you want to do grocery shopping.

- Trattoria Falcone – Pizza place with vegan options.
- Zoros Tacos – Not the Mexican type of taco, but pretty good.
- Be.Well – Vegan restaurant.
- Also a few kebab places, like Istanbul-Grill, Uni Kebab, and Kobani Grill.

**Bermuda3eck.** Like the name says, Bermuda3eck is a triangle-shaped area formed by three streets, filled with bars and restaurants. It's a popular spot for going out in Bochum. Here are some of the places I have been to, which I think are pretty good.

- Steakhaus El Toro – Steak house.
- BOB'S Rock & Bowl Bochum – Bar.
- Nonno Mio Pizzeria – Pizza place.
- Pinte – Pub.
- Takumi – Ramen place.

**City Center.** There are plenty of restaurants in the city center.

- Brauhaus Rietkötter – Brewery house, German style.
- Burgerado – Burger place.
- Paulaner Botschaft – Bavarian restaurant.
- Nährstoff-Reich – Good vegan place.
- Living Room – International.
- Zum Grünen Gaul – German.
- Restaurant Franz Ferdinand – Austrian.
- Il Vecchio Torchio – Italian.
- COM Vietnamese Kitchen – Vietnamese.
- Yamas – Greek.
- Burger – A small place but with good burgers.
- Double G's – Fast food.

**Other Locations.**

- Hartmann's Wirtshaus – German, nice beer garden.

**Coffee.** There are many coffee places in the city center. Here are a few I've been to:

- Café Barbera
- Oktober Café
- Café Caspi
- Caffelito