







## **Ghana-Bonn Seminar Series in Mathematical Biology**

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# Modelling the role of cell movement and transient signalling dynamics in balancing proliferation and differentiation

The development and maintenance of mutlicellular tissues depends on the regulated balance of cell proliferation and cell differentiation. This balance depends critically on intercellular signalling, that allows cells to coordinate their behaviour in space and time. While this balance is typically strikingly robust during development, its dysregulation underlies many clinical conditions. Mathematical modelling provides a valuable tool for exploring how this balance depends on the dynamics of multiple processes that operate simultaneously in tissues. In this talk, I will use mathematical models of the Notch signalling pathway to illustrate how transient signalling dynamics can interact with cell movement to regulate the dynamics of tissue-level cellular decision-making.

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