## SPECIAL MATH CLUB LECTURE 1:40 PM, 30 October 2008, 129 Allen

## **Polynomial Optimization**



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**Abstract:** A classical Positivstellensatz and a linearized form of it have made a lasting imprint in the field of polynomial optimization. A history of polynomial positivity, starting with Hilbert's 17th problem and up to current research, will constitute the main body of the talk.

**About the Speaker:** Professor Putinar earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics in 1984 and has lectured extensively throughout the world. He came to UC Santa Barbara in 1997 and is currently the Undergraduate Vice-Chair in mathematics. He has written two books and has more than 50 other publications including many in leading mathematics journals.

> All undergrads and grad students are invited. Refreshments are planned.