

The Math Guy

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Public Lecture at the UC Auditorium "When Mathematics Changed Us"

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At three distinct stages in the development of modern society, a mathematical development changed - in a fundamental, dramatic, and revolutionary way - how people understand the world and live their lives. Those advances occurred around 5,000 B.C., in the 16th century, and in the 17th century. Devlin will look at how human life and cognition changed on each of those three occasions, with the main focus being risk management and the view of the future that effective risk-management techniques enable.

Based on Devlin's latest book *The Unfinished Game: Pascal, Fermat and the Seventeenth Century Letter that Made the World Modern*, Basic Books 2008.

*Reception for Dr. Devlin after the lecture; all are welcome
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