

The International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation is organizing an online event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the publication of *General Relativity* by Bob Wald

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at 8:30am Pacific Time = 11:30 am Eastern US time = 5:30 pm Central European time via Zoom at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93916879478?pwd=N2VJcTRNQIVJWHBrVEV5R2NYUFR1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 939 1687 9478

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There will be a talk by David Garfinkle with the title and abstract

Bob Wald and *General Relativity*.

Abstract: This talk will begin with some anecdotes about how I first encountered Bob and his book. Then I will consider what is distinctive about the book, first using some quotes from the blurbs and the introduction, and then considering the notation, structure, and methods that the book uses.

There will also be a talk by Bob Wald with the title and abstract

Questions and Answers about "General Relativity"

Abstract: I will answer some of the questions I am most frequently asked about my "General Relativity" book: Why did I write the book? (This is a particularly good question, given that at the time there was already an excellent graduate text by Misner, Thorne, and Wheeler and an outstanding monograph on advanced topics by Hawking and Ellis.) How long did it take me to write it? What were my expectations of the role that the book would play and what surprised me the most about the reception of the book? Do I plan to write a second edition? (The answer to the last question is "no" but I'll say a few words of explanation as to why.)

The Zoom session will be recorded and posted on YouTube.