

**Modules:** physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
physics730 **Theoretical Physics**

**Course:**  **Lattice QCD (T)**

**Course No.:** physics769

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST/WT

**Requirements:**

**Preparation:**

Quantum Mechanics 1+2, Quantum Field Theory 1

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Written / oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

To give an introduction to the quantum field theory on the lattice

**Contents of the Course:**

- Introduction: Quantum mechanics on the lattice
- Numerical algorithms
- Spin systems on the lattice: The Ising model
- Scalar field theory on the lattice: Discretization; Perturbation theory; Continuum limit
- Gauge fields: Link variables; Plaquette action; Wilson loop and confinement
- Fermions on the lattice: Fermion doubling; Different formulations for lattice fermions; Axial anomaly; Chiral fermions
- Use of Effective Field Theory methods: Extrapolation in the quark masses; Resonances in a finite volume

**Recommended Literature:**

J. Smit, Introduction to quantum fields on a lattice: A robust mate, Cambridge Lect. Notes Phys. (2002)

I. Montvay and G. Münster, Quantum Fields on a Lattice, Cambridge Monographs on Mathematical Physics, Cambridge University Press 1994

C. Gattringer and Ch. Lang, Quantum Chromodynamics on the Lattice: An Introductory Presentation Series: Lecture Notes in Physics, Vol. 788

H.J. Rothe, Lattice Gauge Theories: An Introduction, World Scientific, (2005)