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Reasoning about Form, Shape & Structure

The fact that formal languages play an important role in modern mathematics supports the view that all mathematical argument could be expressed in a single logical idiom leading to homogeneous, canonical understanding of form, shape and structure. In my presentation I will revisit some of the critics' reasons why such view fails to capture fundamental aspects of mathematical practice, in particular, our capacity to learn imagining what we don´t know by using notations, diagrams and other modes of representation that play a shaping role for thought.

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