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New ISSI Director for Astrophysics & Cosmology

We are proud to announce the election of the new ISSI part time Director for Astrophysics & Cosmology, Professor Joachim Wambsganss, Director of the Astronomisches Rechen-Institut (ARI), Heidelberg, and Full Professor of the Universität Heidelberg (Germany).



*Prof. Joachim Wambsganss
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Before Prof. Wambsganss came to Heidelberg in 2004, he was an associate professor at Potsdam University (1999 - 2004). Prior to that, Prof. Wambsganss worked as a research associate at the Astrophysical Institute Potsdam (1994 - 1999). He had held postdoc positions at the Max-Planck-Institute for Astrophysics in Garching (1992 - 1994) and at Princeton University (1990 - 1992). In 1990 he received his PhD from the Munich University (LMU).

Prof. Wambsganss' research interests range from the search for extrasolar planets with the technique of gravitational microlensing, through the study of quasars to the investigation of the dark matter distribution in galaxy clusters via the analysis of giant arcs (gravitationally lensed background galaxies).

The complete CV and list of publications of Prof. Wambsganss can be found on the following home page:

<http://wwwstaff.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/mitarbeiter/wambsganss/index.php.en>