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impartirá la Conferencia Inaugural del Programa de Doctorado  
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en forma de un curso de 6 horas sobre

## Variational and phase-field models of fracture

**Lecture 1:** The construction of variational models of fracture from Griffith criterion

**Lecture 2:** Their phase-field approximation

**Lecture 3:** Implementation, extension, and nucleation

In the last 25 years or so a new view fracture in brittle materials has emerged. It is based on a reinterpretation of Griffith's classical criterion as a variational principle for a free-discontinuity energy. This new analysis approach gave rise to a new class of numerical models, commonly referred to as phase-field models. The goal of this course is to give a rigorous construction of both theory and detail its application to a range of problems. I will start by introducing Francfort and Marigo's variational approach to fracture, insisting on how it addresses two common shortcomings of the classical LEM theory: path identification and kinking. I will then construct a family of phase-field approximations, and describe their implementation. I will then describe an alternate construction of these models and show how it can be used to attack the issues of nucleation and size effects. Finally, I will describe open problems in the field.

**Lugar:** Sesión en Zoom <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/4265349837?pwd=ZzNEV3BTT2hkMWExaEtmODRYMkRYdz09>

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