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**Richard P. Anstee\*** ([anstee@math.ubc.ca](mailto:anstee@math.ubc.ca)), Mathematics Department, #121-1984 Mathematics Rd., University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2, Canada. *Forbidden Configurations, a survey.*

The talk will review some results about Forbidden Configurations while introducing a conjecture. Let  $F$  be a  $k \times l$   $(0,1)$ -matrix. We define a matrix to be simple if it is a  $(0,1)$ -matrix with no repeated columns. We say that a simple matrix  $A$  has no  $F$ -configuration if no submatrix of  $A$  is a row and column permutation of  $F$ . We are interested in the extremal function  $\text{forb}(m,F)$  which is the maximum number of columns in an  $m$ -rowed simple matrix that has no  $F$ -configuration. A conjecture of Sali and A. predicts the asymptotic behaviour of  $\text{forb}(m,F)$  for fixed  $F$  as  $m$  tends to infinity by identifying some easy but seemingly important constructions. Many results have been obtained concerning  $\text{forb}(m,F)$  using proof techniques such as standard induction, linear algebra, stability results and shifting techniques. The conjecture has been established for  $k=2$  or  $3$  and any  $l$  by Anstee, Griggs and Sali and for  $l=2$  and any  $k$  with Keevash. (Received March 16, 2006)