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**Remus Nicoara\*** ([nicoara@math.utk.edu](mailto:nicoara@math.utk.edu)), University of Tennessee, Math Department, 104 Aconda Court, 1534 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996. *Continuous Deformations of Commuting Squares.*

We investigate the existence of certain parametric families of commuting squares of finite dimensional  $*$ -algebras. We present some applications to subfactor theory and to Hadamard matrices. (Received February 03, 2009)