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GOPAL PRASAD* (gprasad@umich.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. *Weakly commensurable arithmetic groups and isospectral locally symmetric spaces.*

I will speak on the recent joint work with Andrei S. Rapinchuk (a part of which has appeared in Publ.Math.IHES, #109(2009)) in which we have introduced the notion of weak commensurability of arithmetic (and, more generally, of Zariski-dense) subgroups of semi-simple Lie groups, and investigated when weak commensurability of arithmetic groups implies their commensurability. We apply our results to investigate isospectral and length commensurable locally symmetric spaces of simple Lie groups. (Received September 06, 2010)