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**Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 10:00 (Boston)**  
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**Mathematical Picture Language Seminar**  
**Zoom at: <https://harvard.zoom.us/j/779283357>**

A non-nuclear  $C^*$  algebra with the Weak Expectation Property (WEP) and the Local Lifting Property (LLP)

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We describe the construction of the first example of a non nuclear  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with WEP and LLP. This gives a new example of non-nuclear  $A$  for which there is a unique  $C^*$ -norm on  $A \otimes A^{op}$ . This example is of particular interest in connection with the Connes-Kirchberg problem, that is equivalent to the question whether  $C^*(\mathbb{F}_\infty)$  (or  $C^*(\mathbb{F}_2)$ ), which is known to have the LLP, also has the WEP. Our  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  has the same collection of finite dimensional operator subspaces as  $C^*(\mathbb{F}_2)$  or  $C^*(\mathbb{F}_\infty)$ . The talk will start by a brief introduction to tensor products of  $C^*$ -algebras and to Kirchberg's conjectures in his 1993 Inventiones paper.

