ULTRAFILTERS AND SET THEORY

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I plan to survey several parts of the interface between set theory and ultrafilters. The interface is much too large for a full survey, even after excluding the topics that other invited speakers will cover. So I shall select a few topics that I find particularly interesting. These include:

- Connections with (weak forms of) the axiom of choice,
- Ultrafilters with special combinatorial properties,
- Connections with cardinal characteristics of the continuum,
- Connections with forcing,
- Connections with games and determinacy.

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