

Preface

The articles in this volume are the written version of the lectures delivered at the Fourth Advanced Course in Complex Analysis and Operator Theory held at the University of Seville in July 2007¹, which was aimed to graduate students and mathematicians interested in Operator Theory and Complex Analysis and their interconnections.

The event consisted of four courses of three lectures each, delivered by four renowned mathematicians in the area:

- *Unbounded operators: Functional calculus, generation, perturbations*, by Charles Batty;
- *Operator Theory and Complex Geometry*, by Ronald G. Douglas;
- *Subnormality and moment problems*, by Florian-Horia Vasilescu;
- *Topics in linear isometries of function algebras. Preliminary notes*, by Edoardo Vesentini.

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¹See <http://congreso.us.es/ceacyto/2007>