Turán theorems for unavoidable patterns

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In this talk, we shall discuss Turán-type theorems for two Ramsey-type problems raised by Bollobás and by Fox and Sudakov. First, for $t \geq 3$, we will show that any two-colouring of the complete graph on *n* vertices that is δ -far from being monochromatic contains an *unavoidable t-colouring* when $\delta = \Omega_t(n^{-1/t})$, where an unavoidable *t*-colouring is any two-colouring of a clique of order 2*t* in which one colour induces either a clique of order *t* or two disjoint cliques of order *t*. Next, for $t \geq 3$, we show that any tournament on *n* vertices that is δ -far from being transitive contains an *unavoidable t-tournament* when $\delta = \Omega_t(n^{-1/[t/2]})$, where an unavoidable *t*-tournament is the blow-up of a cyclic triangle obtained by replacing each vertex of the triangle by a transitive tournament of order *t*. Conditional on a wellknown conjecture about bipartite Turán numbers, both results are sharp up to implied constants and hence determine the order of magnitude of the corresponding off-diagonal Ramsey numbers. This is joint work with Bhargav Narayanan.