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In 1916, I. Schur proved the following theorem: For every integer  $t$  greater than or equal to 2, there exists a least integer  $n = S(t)$  such that for every coloring of the integers in the set  $1, 2, \dots, n$  with  $t$  colors there exists a monochromatic solution to  $x + y = z$ . The integers  $S(t)$  are called Schur numbers and are known only for  $t = 2$ ,  $t = 3$  and  $t = 4$ . R. Rado, who was a student of Schur, found necessary and sufficient conditions to determine if an arbitrary linear equation admits a monochromatic solution for every coloring of the natural numbers with a finite number of colors. Let  $L$  represent a linear equation and let  $t$  be an integer greater than or equal to 2. The least integer  $n$ , provided that it exists, such that for every coloring of the integers in the set  $1, 2, \dots, n$  with  $t$  colors there exists a monochromatic solution to  $L$  is called the  $t$ -color Rado number for  $L$ . If such an integer  $n$  does not exist, then the  $t$ -color Rado number for  $L$  is infinite. In this talk we will introduce a variation of the classical Rado numbers. The least integer  $n$ , provided that it exists, such that for every coloring of the real numbers from 1 to  $n$  with  $t$  colors there exists a monochromatic solution to  $L$  is called the  $t$ -color continuous Rado number for  $L$ . (Received September 21, 2011)