

# INVITATION TO THE DOCTORAL SEMINAR

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**“Bent Functions”**

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## Abstract

Boolean bent functions, introduced by Rothaus in the 1960s, were initially studied for their connections to applications in cryptography and coding theory. Due to their relations to many objects from combinatorics and geometry, Boolean-,  $p$ -ary-, and vectorial bent functions have been intensively studied over the last decades. In this talk, connections of bent functions to cryptography, coding theory, and objects like various kinds of difference sets, Hadamard matrices, commutative semifields, projective planes etc are outlined. Finally, recent achievements on connections of bent functions to partial difference sets, LP-partitions, generalized semifield spreads, amorphous association schemes (edge-decompositions of complete graphs into strongly regular graphs) shall be highlighted.

Clemens Heuberger and the Department of Mathematics look forward to seeing you at the talk!