

# INVITATION TO THE DOCTORAL SEMINAR

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**“Cryptographic functions, bent functions and partitions”**



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## Abstract

In the first part, cryptographic functions like (vectorial) bent functions, almost bent functions, APN-functions are introduced. and connections to coding theory, objects from combinatoric and finite geometry are highlighted.

In the second part, the construction of bent functions from spreads of  $\mathbb{V}_n^{(p)}$ ,  $n = 2m$ , is explained, where  $\mathbb{V}_n^{(p)}$  denotes an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over a prime field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . A construction of bent functions from  $\mathbb{V}_n^{(2)}$  into  $B(2^k)$ , where  $B(2^k)$  can be any abelian group of order  $2^k$ ,  $k \leq n/6$ , is presented. This construction, the first known construction different from the spread construction that is applicable for arbitrary abelian groups  $B(2^k)$ , is obtained from partitions of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^m} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$ , which can be seen as generalizations of the Desarguesian spread.

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

