INVITATION TO THE
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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 $\mathbb{F}_{2m} \times \mathbb{F}_{2m}$, 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!