

# HABILITATION

Fachbereich Mathematik und Informatik

## E I N L A D U N G

zum Habilitationsvortrag

Im Rahmen seines Habilitationsverfahrens wird

**Herr Dr. Stefan Klus**

am **Montag, d. 08. Juni 2020**

um **16:00 Uhr** via [WebEx](#)

einen Vortrag über das Thema:

## **Relaxation Approaches for the Graph Isomorphism and Traveling Salesman Problem**

halten.

Der Vortrag wird ca. 45 Minuten dauern (Zusammenfassung s.u.).

Die Universitätsöffentlichkeit ist dazu herzlich eingeladen.

gez. Prof. Dr.-Ing. R. Klein

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**Abstract:**

The Graph Isomorphism Problem (GIP) and the Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) are two challenging combinatorial optimization problems. While the complexity class of the GIP is unknown, the TSP is an iconic NP-hard problem, which is often solved by combining different global approaches to compute an initial tour and local improvement heuristics such as k-opt. In this talk, we will present relaxations of combinatorial optimization problems to the manifold of orthogonal matrices and show how these problems can be solved by constructing gradient flows and by exploiting spectral information.

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