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Datum/Ort	Dienstag, 30. April 2019 ● 13:00 – 14:30 Uhr ● ifb-Bibliothek
ReferentIn	apl. Prof. Dr. Johannes Stauder (Universität Heidelberg)
Thema	The macrostructural context of the partner market: Longitudinal dynamics, concepts and results
Abstract	The composition of the social environment has an important impact on an individual's way of life. An example of this is the partner market which influences relationship transitions – like union formation, mate selection and relationship stability – in many ways. Usually, studies about the partner market use simple sex ratios with spatial units based on large regions or whole countries. This is in contrast to empirical evidence showing that the choice of a partner is predominantly restricted to much smaller contexts, like the daily rounds of an individual. Therefor our project "Macro-structural conditions of the partner market in longitudinal perspective" applies more elaborated partner market measures to detect variations, influencing factors and consequences of partner market conditions in Germany between 1984 and 2018. The presentation will give a more detailed introduction into the project's theoretical approach and the applied concept for measuring the partner market. The presentation will also contain main results of the project concerning issues like the variation of partner market opportunities over the male and female life course, differences in partner marked conditions between cohorts, influence of demographic changes, like the decline in birth rate, on the partner market, the impact of the partner market on relationship transitions, like union formation, mate selection and relationship stability.