**Thursday, August 29th, 2019, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Seminar Room 1004, Georg-Forster-Straße 4**

**Nexus of Theories and Methods**

**Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives on Students Experiences in Higher Education**

**Chair:**

Methodological Challenges of Conducting Research on Academic Success and Dropout among International Students in Germany: Reflections from a Mixed-Method-Study  
Jesús Pineda

Predicting Dropout from Higher Education – A Comparison of Machine Learning Algorithms  
Andreas Behr, Marco Giese, Hervé D. Teguim K., Katja Theune

Social Inequalities in Dropout from Higher Education. Combining the Student Integration Model and Rational Choice Theory  
Lars Müller, Daniel Klein

**Speakers**

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