

## INM-KOLLOQUIUM

### “SERENDIPITY”

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Gastgeber: Prof. Dr. Tobias Kraus

Serendipity, the notion of researchers making unexpected and beneficial discoveries, has played an important role in debates about the feasibility and desirability of targeting public R & D investments. Ohid is starting a new and major research project to explore this idea, and would like to know what people think about serendipity! To kick the discussion off, he'll talk about some of the scoping work that led up to the project, some preliminary results, and initial hypotheses. Among these, is the idea that serendipity can come in different forms and come about in a variety of ways; and the possibility that different types and mechanisms of serendipity each have different implications respectively. He'll also discuss what he hopes to explore over the next five years of the project in terms of a stream of theoretical work (efforts to define serendipity and then look for it) and a stream of empirical work (efforts to measure research and ask if any of it is serendipity). The two streams remain, as yet, rather disconnected. So, Ohid would also like to present a potential case study that he's been brewing, and ask if his audience thinks the development of such cases might help to bring the empirical and theoretical streams of work closer together.

To learn more about the project, please see:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/spru/research/projects/serendipity>

To learn why the project could be important for how we fund and manage research, see this short Nature Editorial piece: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-01405-7>

To learn more about Ohid, please see: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/profiles/141998>

Wir laden 15 Minuten vor Beginn zu einem Get-together mit dem Referenten ein.

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