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The 2019 IASC-ARS Conference – 2-5 December 2019, Hong Kong

The 11th IASC-ARS Conference will be held at the University of Hong Kong, China, on 2-5 December 2019. The theme of the conference is “Statistical Computing for AI and Big Data”. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas, new concepts and recent methods in statistics.

This conference will provide a platform for researchers from academia and industry to share their latest findings, exhibit the latest studies and applications, and build up networks with peers in variety areas, including but not limited to, Bayesian computation, big data analytics, biostatistics, computer graphics, computer intensive inferential methods, data mining and machine learning, econometrics, graphical models, image processing and uncertainty quantification.

The conference will consist of keynote speeches, tutorials, invited talks, contributed talks and posters. The official language for all submissions is English. To encourage more young statisticians including postgraduate and senior undergraduate students to participate, in addition to two YSI-ISI invited sessions organized by Prof. Hank Wu, the following two more activities will be organized:

- Luncheon Forum “How to Build a Career in Big Data and Artificial Intelligence” to be held during the lunch time on Dec 4, 2019. There are two confirmed speakers from Microsoft (Hong Kong) and Facebook (Hong Kong).
- Student prizes for contributed talks and posters delivered by students.

For registrations please visit the [website](#).

There will be **two half-day tutorials** to be held on December 2, 2019:

- 1. Statistical network data analysis;**
- 2. Anomaly detection using unsupervised learning algorithms.**

Registration for the tutorials will be accepted on a first come, first served basis due to limited seats.

Keynote Speakers: Wolfgang Karl Härdle, Jun Liu, and Qiwei Yao

Local organizer: Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, The University of Hong Kong

We look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong to attend the IASC-ARS 2019 conference and to experience the fusion of Chinese and Western cultures and beauty of Hong Kong!



Sky-land-sea adventure with cable-car views of mountains, forests and coast



Avenue of Stars at Tsim Sha Tsui



Tai Kwun, the restored Central Police Station compound

Past Event: Course on Text as Data in Economics

A course on “text as data” with Leif Anders Thorsrud (Norges Bank and BI Norwegian Business School) as main speaker attracted more than 35 PhD students and early stage researchers to ZEW in Mannheim, where this course jointly organized by ZEW and University of Giessen and supported by ERS-IASC took place from July, 15th to 18th, 2019. The participants gained knowledge about how to use textual data to answer economically relevant questions. During a tutorial taking place the last day of the course, the participants started their own analysis with textual data.



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