

SFB-TRR 161 PhD Student Retreat Video Conference

Schedule

Date: Thursday, 26.11.2020

Time	Event
14:00	Opening
14:15	Collaboration Speed Dating [time is variable, depending on actual participation]
15:XX	Planning Talks
16:30	Talk: Dr. Priscilla Balestrucci - "User Testing During COVID"
17:15	Discussion of PhD Student Related Issues / Planning Talks Part II
18:00	Socializing, Fun & Games

Event Description

The main purposes of this virtual retreat are the following:

1. **Establish and foster collaborations between research groups.**
 - . This is not optional, but required as per the DFG project proposal, and will be relevant for the continuation of the whole SFB at the end of this funding period. There should be room for improvements given the rather few collaborations that happened in the last four years.
 - . To ameliorate this situation, we propose a two-step approach:
 - a. **Collaboration Speed Dating:** To find possible collaborators one has to know who's there and what the other people are working on. This holds true especially for new PhD Students, but it's probably also useful to share a few updates between the more senior participants.
 - . In this format, we'll split up in breakout rooms for a short period of time to introduce each other to our current work.
 - . Focus on ideas and problems rather than your previous contributions. Even if the primary route of your projects doesn't align in an obvious way, you might be able to help a colleague out here and there. Leveraging the various backgrounds and the expertise that we accumulate in the SFB is key.
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 - b. **Initial Planning Talks:** Since time in the first step will be quite limited we encourage you to select the most promising candidates and set up longer follow-up meetings later in the afternoon. Don't let the initial enthusiasm die right away - carry ideas over, formulate concrete plans and goals and try to share the work in the most reasonable ways.
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2. **Discussion of PhD Student Related Issues**
 - . The retreat is a good opportunity to discuss issues that affect either all of us, or that could be solved collectively.
 - a. Are we content with the current activities in the TRR?
 - b. Does the Corona situation affect participants of the graduate school?
 - i. e.g. how are travel bans and
 - c. Are there individual problems with supervisors etc. that need to be addressed somehow through the collective?
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3. **Socializing, Fun & Games**
 - . We can't fully replace gokart driving IRL, but there are a few lockdown-conforming alternatives for fun in the evening.