Big Data for Economics

July 2nd-6th, 2018
Barcelona

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9/10 Satisfaction
Summer School Survey 2017

90% International Participants
Summer School Survey 2017
The availability of large-scale administrative data or private sector data challenge the way economists have traditionally conducted empirical analysis. Big data is likely to affect the types of questions economists pose, by allowing for more focus on population variation and the analysis of a broader range of economic activities and interactions. No economist can avoid acquiring a basic knowledge of the large-data statistical methods that have been developed in neighboring fields and that are likely to substitute most classical econometric techniques.

Academic Coordinator for the 2018 edition: Montserrat Guillen (Universitat de Barcelona & Riskcenter).

**Lecturer**

Arthur Charpentier holds a PhD in Applied Mathematics from KU Leuven.

He teaches Predictive Modeling, Actuarial Science & Insurance, Financial Mathematics, Networks & Algorithms, Statistics & Econometrics at the University of Rennes 1, where he is a Full Professor.

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**Course outline**

The course will look at Big Data problems. We will first consider why it is an important issue for econometricians, and describe several computer Based Techniques.

**Lecture 1:** Introduction : Why Big Data brings New Questions
**Lecture 2:** Simulation Based Techniques & Bootstrap
**Lecture 3:** Loss Functions : from OLS to Quantile Regression
**Lecture 4:** Nonlinearities and Discontinuities
**Lecture 5:** Cross-Validation and Out-of-Sample diagnosis
**Lecture 6:** Variable and model selection
**Lecture 7:** New Tools for Classification Problems
**Lecture 8:** New Tools for Time Series & Forecasting

The Summer School includes a R Programming Refresher Session taught by Lluís Bermudez (Universitat de Barcelona & Riskcenter).

**Schedule**

Monday to Friday
9.30h to 13.00h

**Tuition fees**

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The course will be recognised by the University of Barcelona as 2 ECTS credits.

Applications open until June 17th, 2018

Scholarships available for Master and PhD students

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