

Mathematical Foundations & Methodologies for Artificial Intelligence and Data-Driven Scientific Computing

Workshop on Mathematical Approaches to Modern AI Challenges

(31 Aug 2026–4 Sep 2026)



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IMS Executive Seminar Room

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Monday, 31 August 2026

Time	Title	Speaker
0830–0855	Registration	
0855–0900	Opening Remarks	Program Organizers
0900–0955	Challenges and Opportunities of Self-Consuming Loops in AI	Richard Baraniuk <i>Rice University, USA</i>
0955–1015	Tea Break	
1015–1110	Sobolev IPM with Graph Metric: Regularization, Scalability, and Applications	Tam Le <i>The Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Japan</i>
1115–1210	Agentic Reinforcement Learning	Bo An <i>NTU, Singapore</i>
1210–1400	Lunch Break	
1400–1455	Symmetry in Deep Learning	Robin Walters <i>Northeastern University, USA</i>
1455–1515	Tea Break	
1515–1610	Nipping the Butterfly Effect in the Bud: Self-Output Fine-Tuning for Autoregressive Weather Prediction	Hsuan-Tien Lin <i>National Taiwan University, Taipei</i>
1615–1710	Emulating and Calibrating Antarctic Ice-Sheet Dynamics with Diffusion Models and Deep Feature Matching	Won Chang <i>Seoul National University, S. Korea</i>

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

Time	Title	Speaker
0845–0900	Registration	
0900–0955	Learning Rates, Restart and Adaptive Acceleration	Alexandre d'Aspermont <i>Ecole Normale Supérieure, France</i>
0955–1015	Group Photo & Tea Break	
1015–1110	AI meets Fourier: Towards Interpretability in Large Language Models	Kannan Ramchandran <i>UC Berkeley, USA</i>
1115–1210	Tutorial Talk	Tan Minh Nguyen <i>NUS, Singapore</i>

Tuesday, 1 September 2026		
Time	Title	Speaker
1210–1300	<i>Lunch Reception at IMS</i>	
1300–1400	Poster Session	
1400–1455	Learning Structured Relevance Networks	Alfred Hero <i>University of Michigan, USA</i>
1455–1515	Tea Break	
1515–1610	Tutorial Talk	Viet Hoang Tran <i>NUS, Singapore</i>
1615–1710	Tutorial Talk <i>(Delivered virtually)</i>	Vo Ngoc Thieu <i>University of Bath, UK</i>
1740	<u><i>Workshop Dinner (by invitation only)</i></u> 1-way transfer from NUS to dinner venue is provided.	
Wednesday, 2 September 2026		
Time	Title	Speaker
0845–0900	Registration	
0900–0955	Missing Data Imputation using Neural Cellular Automata	Thanh Bình Nguyễn <i>University of Science - VNUHCM, Vietnam</i>
0955–1015	Tea Break	
1015–1110	Learning, Approximation and Control	Qianxiao Li <i>NUS, Singapore</i>
1115–1210	Mixture of Experts Inside the Euler Equation	Tien Trinh Nguyen <i>Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China</i>
1210–1400	Lunch Break	
1400–1455	Instances where Compositional Structure Helps Avoid the Curse of Dimensionality	Mauro Maggioni <i>Johns Hopkins University, USA</i>
1455–1515	Tea Break	
1515–1610	Non-Hackable Confidence Reward Functions	Wee Sun Lee <i>NUS, Singapore</i>
1615–1710	How Many Different Outputs Can a Transformer Generate	Maxime Meyer <i>NUS, Singapore</i>

Thursday, 3 September 2026		
Time	Title	Speaker
0845–0900	Registration	
0900–0955	Discriminants for Neural Network Verification	Guido Montufar <i>UC Los Angeles, USA</i>
0955–1015	Tea Break	
1015–1110	Real-time Digital Twins: Challenges and Opportunities for Scientific Machine Learning	Tan Bui-Thanh <i>UT Austin, USA</i>
1115–1210	The Effects of Feature-Space Dimensionality on Activation Steering	Laziz Abdullaev <i>NUS, Singapore</i>
1210–1400	Lunch Break	
1400–1455	Slowly Annealed Langevin Dynamics: Theory and Applications to Training-Free Guided Generation	Atsushi Nitanda <i>NTU, Singapore</i>
1455–1515	Tea Break	
1515–1610	On Preventing Model Collapse in Generative Models	Bahman Ghahesifard <i>Queen's University, Canada</i>
1615–1710	Beyond Independence: Strongly Correlated Particle Systems in Sampling for ML	Tran Hoang Son <i>NUS, Singapore</i>
Friday, 4 September 2026		
Time	Title	Speaker
0845–0900	Registration	
0900–0955	Impact of Data and Model Geometry on Learning Complexity in Deep Learning <i>(Delivered virtually)</i>	Melanie Weber <i>Harvard University, USA</i>
0955–1015	Tea break	
1015–1110	Narrative Models for Interpretable Use of LLMs	Larry Carin <i>A*STAR, Singapore</i>
1115–1210	Numerical Approximation for McKean-Vlasov SDE with Super-linear Growth Coefficients	Hoang Long Ngo <i>HNUE, Vietnam</i>

This schedule is accurate as of 02 Sep 2026 and is subjected to changes.