Academic Mentorship System @MoL

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Academic mentors this year

- Maria Aloni
- Alexandru Baltag
- Benno van den Berg
- Franz Berto
- Nick Bezhanishvili
- Ivano Ciardelli
- Tejaswini Deoskar
- Ulle Endriss
- Raquel Fernández
- Dick de Jongh
- Benedikt Löwe
- Floris Roelofsen
- Robert van Rooij
- Christian Schaffner
- Sonja Smets
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What not to expect from your academic mentor

- To solve all problems
- To know everything
- To be available 24/7
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- Computational Linguistics Seminar
- The Colloquium on Mathematical Logic
- Computational Social Choice Seminar
- Logic and Interactive RAtionality (LIRa)
- Seminar on music cognition and computation
- ILLC Colloquium
- SMART Cognitive Science Lectures
- LogiCIC Seminar
- The LeGO (Leerstoel Groepen Overleg) Seminar
- Seminar on Provability, Interpretability, Intuitionism and Arithmetic (PIIA)
- AlgebraCoalgebra Seminar
- Cognition at ILLC
- Theoretical Computer Science Seminar
- Music Cognition Reading Group
- Dutch Social Choice Colloquium

Full descriptions at ILLC website
http://www.illc.uva.nl/NewsandEvents/Events/Regular/
What to do when

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- Financial problems: panic, talk to everybody
- Administrative problems: go to Tanja Kassenaar
- You want to drop a course: inform the teacher
- You do not like a course: express it in the evaluation, talk to the OC.
- You want to change track: inform your mentor
- You and your supervisor do not match: talk to your mentor
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Basic Probability: Theory

- starts next Monday 5 Sep 2016, at 9:00 in SP G0.18B
- 3-ECTS deficiency course for students interested in computation track and AI
- Content: Counting and Sets, Probability, Discrete and Continuous Random Variables, Statistics, Expectation Maximisation, Information Theory
- Modern teaching style: flipped-classroom, moodle, ...
- Sign up by following the procedure on https://basicprobability.github.io/
- See you!