



Finding Thetas in Europe

Conference on Applied Bayesian Statistics and MCMC Methods in Social Science

November 16-17th 2012, University of Berne (Switzerland)
Lerchenweg 36, 3012 Bern, Room S121

Friday 16th - Applications in Social Science

- 15:00 Welcome
- 15:15 Title: "Explaining Couple Satisfaction"
Authors: Gertrudes Velasquez & Bernd Weiss (Florida State University/University of Belize & University of Cologne)
- 16:15 Title: "Estimating Party Positions"
Authors: Moritz Marbach & Moritz Osnabrügge (University of Mannheim)
- 17:15 Coffee Break
- 17:30 Title: "Argumentative Quality and Opinion Change: Evidence from a Pan-European Deliberative Poll (Europolis) "
Author: Marlène Gerber (University of Lucerne)
- Title: "Estimating Environmental Concern in 32 Countries"
Author: Dominikus Vogl (University of Berne)
- 18:30 Title: "Pooling the Polls for the Catalan Elections" Author: Xavier Fernández i Marín (Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics, Barcelona)
- 20:30 Dinner

Saturday 17th – Tools and Methods

- 10:00 Title: "Posterior distributions: What you can and cannot do with them"
Author: Robert Birkelbach (Graduate School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Utrecht University)
- 11:00 Title: "Introducing New Tools: ggmmcmc and STAN"
Author: Xavier Fernández i Marín (Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics, Barcelona)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Discussion: Future Perspectives and Strategies for Finding Thetas in Europe
- 19:00 Fondue at Dominikus' place