SOCIALS AT NEURIPS

We are very happy to inaugurate Social Events at NeurIPS 2019. Given the steadily increasing amount of attendees of NeurIPS, it's becoming more and more difficult to meet colleagues with similar interests each year. Social events address this issue by providing a meeting place for attendees with similar interests. The 15 socials we selected to host this year capture the diverse interests of the NeurIPS community, addressing topics ranging from core technical content to societal matters within the community and beyond. We are proud to announce the programs below.

TUESDAY 7-10 PM

Well-Being In AI
Room 202 - 204
Contact: Alfredo Kalaitzis
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The Well-Being in ML (WBiML) event is an opportunity to make the ML community mindful of well-being at the very event that epitomises its science.

AI For Good
Room 205 - 207
Contact: Devin Krotman
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A networking happy hour, followed by a series of lightning talks from practitioners in the AI for Good applications space.

Learning Theory
Room 217 - 219
Contact: Vianney Perchet
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A non-random friendly meeting point for people working on or being interested in learning theory.

Reinforcement Learning Social
Room 220 - 222
Contact: Yuxi Li
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An event for people working on or being interested in RL in order to 1) socialise with experts and 2) PDP their meetups.

Inverse Problems Social
Room 223 - 224
Contact: Ajil Jalal
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An informal event for networking and socializing amongst (but not restricted to) the attendees of the "Solving inverse problems with deep networks: New architectures, theoretical foundations, and applications" workshop.

WEDNESDAY 7-10 PM

Find your allies: how to be an individual champion of ethical AI practices at your company & meet collaborators you need
Room 202 - 204
Contact: Jingying Yang
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An inviting event to catalyze collaborations between individuals in the NeurIPS community who care about AI ethics and opening that conversation up to the many more individuals who find themselves with a similar desire to make a positive contribution to people and society through their work in the ML/AI field.

Women in AI Ignite
Room 205 - 207
Contact: Anoush Najarian
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This event aims at building a platform for Women in AI Ignite speakers, giving participants the opportunity to see the power of tools like Ignite to bring about change and building a plan, rooted in social science and intersectionality.

ML 4 Space Social
Room 217 - 219
Contact: Jodie Hughes
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An event to invite people to explore the opportunities for applied ML in space exploration and stewardship of our home planet.

T-PRIME
Room 223 - 224
Contact: Martin Trapp
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T-PRIME (Tractable PRobabilistic Inference MEeting) is the first social event of a series for researchers and practitioners working on (or interested in) tractable inference to join forces.

THURSDAY 7-10 PM

Social Event for Budding Researchers
Room 202 - 204
Contact: Prabhu Pradhan
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This event aims at gathering young researchers (especially Pre-PhD participants) and mixing them with domain-experts to revitalize grey cells after a busy conference day.

Effective Altruism social
Room 205 - 207
Contact: Claudia Shi
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An event with informal presentations on how to address pressing issues in the world as ML researchers, open debate about the impact of working on long-term AI safety versus ML for social impact and academic speed friending on high social impact projects.

British Parliamentary style debate
Room 217 - 219
Contact: Jonathan Hunt
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An informal event with British parliament style debates amongst several specialists in AI.

{Dis}Ability in AI
Room 220 - 222
Contact: Maria Skoularidou
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Panel discussion aiming at raising awareness, supporting and advocating for disabled people.

Deep Learning Researchers and Start-Ups: Pros and Cons of Working at Start-Ups vs Large Companies, and How to Fix Diversity Issues
Room 223 - 224
Contact: Colin White
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The goal of this social is to get researchers to consider start-ups as a viable career option in the industry and to find out more about the pros and cons of working at smaller companies.

SATURDAY 7-10 PM

Probabilistic Programming Social
Room 220 - 222
Contact: Vikash K. Mansinghka
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An informal, inclusive event for networking and socializing among probabilistic programming students and researchers.