Info-Metrics Institute

Philosophy of Information
The Value of Information

American University Campus
Friday, April 26, 2013

Program

(Location: Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center)

8:00-9:00 AM  Registration-Coffee-Refreshments

9:00-9:10 AM  Welcoming Remarks
   Peter Starr, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, American University

9:10-9:30 AM  Conference Opener/Objectives
   Amos Golan (American U.)

9:30-10:15 AM  Session I
   Chair: Robin Lumsdaine (American U.)
   “The Dark Side of Big Data”
   James Moor (Dartmouth)

10:15-11:00 AM  Session II
   Chair: Radu Balan (UMD College Park)
   “Synthetic Non-Accruable Information”
   Luciano Floridi (Hertfordshire and Oxford)

11:00-11:15 AM  Coffee Break

11:20-12:05 PM  Session III
   Chair: Teddy Seidenfeld (Carnegie Mellon)
   “Contradictory Information Can Be Valuable: The Example of the Two Firemen”
   J. Michael Dunn (Indiana U. Bloomington)

12:05-1:00 PM  Lunch (Provided)
1:00-2:20 PM  
**Session IV**  
Chair: *Duncan Foley (New School for Social Research and Santa Fe Inst.*)*  
“Does information have an intrinsic value?”  
**Pieter Adriaans** (U. Amsterdam)  
“Belief and Desire: On Information and its Value”  
**Ariel Caticha** (SUNY Albany)

2:20-3:00 PM  
**Session V**  
Chair: *Nathan Harshman* (American U.)  
“Notes on ensembles as a model of theory choice”  
**Duncan Foley** (New School for Social Research and Santa Fe Inst.)

3:00-3:20 PM  
**Coffee Break** (*Location change: Ward 1, Ward building*)

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3:20-4:40 PM  
**Session VI**  
Chair: *Nicholas Kiefer* (Cornell U.)  
“Schools of Thought in Visualization”  
**Mín Chen** (Oxford)  
“Is Ignorance Bliss with Sets of Probabilities?”  
**Teddy Seidenfeld** (Carnegie Mellon)

4:45-5:00 PM  
**Coffee Break (in Ward 1)**

5:00-6:15 PM  
**Round Table – Info-Metrics: Philosophy of Information**  
Moderator: *Luciano Floridi* (Hertfordshire and Oxford)

  *Pieter Adriaans* (U. Amsterdam)  
  *Nicholas Kiefer* (Cornell U.)  
  *Robin Lumsdaine* (American U.)  
  *Werner Ploberger* (Washington U. St. Louis)

6:15 -7:30 PM  
**Reception** (*Location: MGC 2 & 3, Mary Graydon Center*)