Welcome to the Conference on Learning Theory 2016

Thursday, June 23

• 1:00 PM–3:30 PM Registration @ 417 IAB
• 2:00 PM–3:10 PM Session 1
• 3:10 PM–3:30 PM Coffee break
• 3:30 PM–4:20 PM Session 2
• 4:20 PM–4:40 PM Break
• 4:40 PM–6:00 PM Session 3
• 6:00 PM–8:00 PM Welcome reception

Friday, June 24

• 8:00 AM–10:10 AM Registration @ 417 IAB
• 9:00 AM–9:50 AM Session 4
• 9:50 AM–10:10 AM Coffee break
• 10:10 AM–11:10 AM Session 5
• 11:10 AM–11:30 AM Break
• 11:30 AM–12:30 PM Session 6 (Invited talk)
• 12:30 PM–2:30 PM Lunch break
• 12:30 PM–2:30 PM WiML-T luncheon
• 2:30 PM–3:40 PM Session 7
• 3:50 PM–4:20 PM Coffee break
• 4:20 PM–5:30 PM Session 8
• 5:30 PM–5:50 PM Break
• 5:50 PM–6:40 PM Business meeting

Saturday, June 25

• 8:00 AM–10:20 AM Registration @ 417 IAB
• 9:00 AM–10:00 AM Session 9
• 10:00 AM–10:20 AM Coffee break
• 10:20 AM–11:10 AM Session 10
• 11:10 AM–11:30 AM Break
• 11:30 AM–12:30 PM Session 11 (Invited talk)
• 12:30 PM–2:30 PM Lunch break
• 2:30 PM–3:40 PM Session 12
• 3:40 PM–4:10 PM Coffee break
• 4:10 PM–5:20 PM Session 13
• 5:20 PM–5:40 PM Break
• 5:40 PM–6:20 PM Session 14 (Open problems)
• 7:00 PM–10:00 PM Banquet

Sunday, June 26

• 9:00 AM–10:00 AM Session 15
• 10:00 AM–10:20 AM Coffee break
• 10:20 AM–11:10 AM Session 16
• 11:10 AM–11:30 AM Break
• 11:30 AM–12:30 PM Session 17 (Invited talk)
• 12:30 PM–2:30 PM Lunch break
• 2:30 PM–4:30 PM Session 18 (Impromptu talks)

Detailed schedule
Columbia University locations (with ⋆ on map)

Subway stop ⋆ Number 1 line, 116 Street–Columbia University station. (See below.)

Conference talks ⋆ Altschul Auditorium (417 IAB) in the International Affairs Building.
   Main entrance of IAB is on 118th St between Amsterdam Ave and Morningside Ave.
   Registration is just outside 417 IAB (June 23rd, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM; June 24, 8:00 AM–9:00 AM).
   Coffee breaks are in the outside area at the south end of the building.

Welcome reception ⋆ The Rotunda at Low Library (June 23rd, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM).
   Meet each other—and our generous sponsors—over hors d’oeuvres and drinks.
   Registration will also be at the reception.

WiML-T luncheon ⋆ Carleton Commons in the Mudd building (June 24th, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM). Co-hosted by Women in Machine Learning.

Banquet (June 25th, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM)
Location Tavern on the Green (67th St & Central Park West, New York, NY 10023)
Directions From Columbia University, take subway line Number 1 (towards South Ferry) to the 66 St–Lincoln Center station. Exit the station and walk east on 66th St towards Central Park. The restaurant is just inside the park.

Wireless internet, transportation, and safety

Wireless internet  Around Columbia University, use the wireless network named “Columbia University”. No password is necessary.

Public transportation  To ride the subway or bus, buy a MetroCard from any subway station.
   (There is a $1 fee for a new MetroCard, so just buy one and refill it as needed.)
   • $2.75 per subway or bus ride: free automatic transfers between subway and bus, or between buses. If you need to transfer from one subway line to another, do not exit through the turnstiles; instead, follow overhead signs (possibly up or down some stairs) to platform for other line.
   • $31 for a 7-day pass: unlimited travel for seven days on subways and buses in the MTA system; an economical option if you’re attending ICML as well.

More information about riding the subway: [http://goo.gl/XDmHFy](http://goo.gl/XDmHFy)

Taxi  Taxi cabs are numerous and inexpensive, and you can use a credit card or cash to pay for them. Cabs that are available will have the light on top with the 4-character medallion number lit up. When no lights are lit, the cab is occupied. Hailing a cab is as simple as stepping off the curb and holding out your arm.

Uber  Uber is widely available in the city.

Safety  New York is statistically the safest large city in the United States, and its crime rate per person is actually lower than the national average and that of many small towns. Should you run into any issues, however, here are a few emergency phone numbers to use:
   • 911: Use this for any emergencies anywhere in the city.
   • 212-854-5555: Use this for emergencies on Columbia campus. (Of course, 911 also works.)
Coffee in the area

- Flat Top (1241 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 121st St)
- Max Caffe (1262 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 122nd St)
- Joe Coffee (550 W 120th St; cross street is Broadway; in Northwest Corner Building of campus)
- Kuro Kuma (121 La Salle St; cross street is Broadway)
- The Hungarian Pastry Shop (1030 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 111th St)

Restaurants in the area

- Friedman’s (1187 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 118th St) American
- Appletree Market (1225 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 120th St) grocery store with ATM
- Ajanta (1237 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 121st St) Indian
- Massawa (1239 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 121st St) Ethiopian/Eritrean
- Flat Top (1241 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 121st St) American
- Serafina Harlem (1260 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 122nd St) Italian
- Max Soha (1274 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 123rd St) Italian, cash only
- Bistro Ten 18 (1018 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 110th St) American
- Roti Roll Bombay Frankie (994 Amsterdam Ave; cross street is 109th St) Indian
- Sweetgreen (2937 Broadway; cross street is 115th St) Salads
- Bernheim and Schwartz (2911 Broadway; cross street is 114th St) American
- Amir’s Grill (2911-A Broadway; cross street is 114th St) Middle Eastern
- Mill Korean (2895 Broadway; cross street is 113th St) Korean
- Community Food & Juice (2893 Broadway; cross street is 113th St) American
- Le Monde (2885 Broadway; cross street is 112th St) French
- Dig Inn (2884 Broadway; cross street is 112th St) American

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