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**Lecture Series in Causality (Sala Laurea)**

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**Seminar on ‘Statistics at a Crossroad’**

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**Lecture Series in Analytics**

A series of hand’s on lectures using the JMP platform to cover: Information quality, the real work of data science, Decision trees, Regression trees, Random forests, The non performing loans (NPL) case study, Logistic regression, Naïve Bayes, K-means clustering and Text analytics.

Students will be asked to evaluate the information quality of one of three case studies and analyze the German credit data to develop a predictive model for nonpaying loans.

**Lecture Series in Causality**

A focused workshop on causality covering the following topics: Background on causality in science and statistics, Fishbone cause and effect diagrams, Bayesian networks, Randomization in experimental designs, Propensity scores in observational studies, Counterfactuals and do calculus, Personalized medicine, condition based maintenance and Industry 4.0 and Future research areas.

**Statistics at a Crossroad**

The premise to this seminar is the sense that Statistics is at a crossroad between a path leading to a driver’s seat position in the analytic and scientific world, as Cox writes, a Grammar for Research, and a path where statistics is pushed back to an obscure corner mostly of academic interest. Statistical aspects of reproducibility in research, statistical inference using p-values, confidence intervals and Bayes factors will be discussed along the work of Deborah Mayo on severe testing and various methods for generalizing research claims.

*Participation is free but reservation is mandatory for organization ceeds@unimi.it*