

Call for Papers and Participation: 11th Summer School on Data and Algorithms for Science, Technology & Innovation Studies

Venue: Castle of Valrose, Nice

Dates: 7-9 September 2026

KU Leuven, in collaboration with Google, the European Patent Office, SKEMA Business School, and UCD Dublin, is excited to invite you to the **11th Annual Summer School on Data and Algorithms for Science, Technology & Innovation (ST&I) Studies**. This year's edition will take place in the 19th-century **Valrose Castle** in Nice. It's the perfect place for both junior and senior researchers in ST&I studies to convene and reflect upon the past, the present, and the future of our exciting discipline.



Event Highlights: Confirmed **keynote speakers** are [Ashish Arora](#) (Fuqua School of Business, Duke University), [Joshua Krieger](#) (Harvard Business School), and [Dashun Wang](#) (Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University). As per our tradition, the first afternoon will feature targeted sessions and workshops for early-career scholars. This includes guest speakers from Google and the European Patent Office. In addition, [Ludovic Dibiaggio](#) (SKEMA) and [Reinhilde Veugelers](#) (KU Leuven) will take part in an interactive panel on AI and Innovation in Europe, featuring AI entrepreneurs and regional and EU policymakers.

Location: Valrose Castle, 28 Avenue Valrose, Nice, France.

Schedule: Kick-off at noon on September 7 and ending at noon on September 9. A full day of sessions on September 8 is followed by a social gathering and dinner on the beach, set against the stunning scenery of the Côte d'Azur.

Call for Submissions and Participation:

We welcome your latest research in the development and use of data and algorithms in ST&I, including machine learning, natural language processing and AI. We welcome submissions of abstracts, full papers, or proposals for a dedicated session on a specific theme. Please submit via email to sti@kuleuven.be by **May 8, 2026**. Notification of acceptance will be communicated by May 22, 2026. Everyone is also warmly invited to participate without presenting. For any questions, feel free to reach out to the same address listed above.

Registration Fee:

145 Euro, covering all presentations, lunches, refreshments, and the social event and dinner. Please note that participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation arrangements. The deadline for registration is August 15th.

Scientific and Organizing Committee:

Paul-Emmanuel Anckaert (SKEMA Business School), Sam Arts (KU Leuven), Geert Boedt (EPO), Julie Callaert (KU Leuven), Ludovic Dibiaggio (SKEMA Business School), Dieter Kogler (UCB), Bart Van Looy (KU Leuven), and Dennis Verhoeven (SKEMA Business School).