UPCOMING EVENTS

ARCA Seminar Panos Patatoukas - 16 June
Panos Patatoukas (University of California at Berkeley) will present his paper (co-authored with Richard G. Sloan and Annika Yu Wang): “Short Sales Constraints and IPO Pricing”. Please note that this seminar will not take place on a Monday but on Thursday, June 16th from 12.00 to 14.00 in 8A-44 in the Main Building of the VU.

PhD Defence Emiel Eijdenberg - 22 June
Emiel Eijdenberg will defend the dissertation “Small business growth in East African Least Developed Countries: Unravelling the role of the small business owners” on 22 June at 11:45 in the Aula. For more information please click here.

PhD Defence D.A.M. Ingels - 24 June
Dirk A.M. Inghels will defend his thesis "Policy Modelling for Sustainable Waste Management" on 24 June at 11:45 in the Aula. More information about the thesis in VU-DARE

Deadline Abstract Submission WAOP - 17 June
The annual WAOP conference will be held in Rotterdam on the 25th of November, 2016. The deadline for abstract submission of the conference is on 17 June. For more information please click here.

ARCA Seminar Xanthi Gkougkousi - 24 June
ARCA would like to invite you to the following research seminar. Xanthi Gkougkousi (Nova School of Business & Economics) will present her paper: "Information content of aggregate loan loss provisions" (see abstract below). Please note that this seminar will take place on both a different day and time than usual. It will be held

Scenarios for governance - 17 June
The university organizes a conference on integrity, globalization, governance and leadership. View the full program and learn more about the lectures and workshops on the webpage of the anniversary conference Scenarios for Governance.

PhD Council session UBVU | 21 June
The PhD Council invites FEWEB PhD-students for a seminar on 21 June. To give you the opportunity to learn more about what the UB can do for you in these domains, the PhD Council would like to cordially invite you to a brief presentation of the services that the UB offers by Matthijs de Zwaan, the scientific information specialist of the VU for economics. For more information please click here.

NEWS

Best Student Paper Award for Joost Berkhouts’ research on Google PageRank
Joost Berkhout (ABRI PhD) won the Best Student Paper Award at the International Workshop on Discrete Event Systems (WODES) 2016 in Xi’an (China) with his paper "Google’s PageRank Algorithm for Ranking Nodes in General Networks". In this paper the main driving force behind Google’s search engine is generalised and analysed.

Joost: "The award is a real honor and a recognition of our research. Furthermore, it is a confirmation that our current research direction has a lot of potential."

Besides being the main mechanism behind ranking the web via Google's search engine, Google PageRank is often used as tool in general network analyses (e.g., think of social networks or road networks). The generalized ranking methodology proposed in this research ensures more careful rankings of nodes that are of transient nature, a common feature in many realistic datasets. The impact of the new ranking is illustrated via a real-life social network of Wikipedia users and administrators.

Joost Berkhout is an ABRI PhD candidate under the supervision of Prof. Bernd Heidergott (Econometrics and Operations Research) and currently he is mainly working on the "Markov Chain Theory and Applications".

Find more information about Joost and his publications.
ABRI Barbecue closure of another very successful year

As a closure of this past academic year, on Tuesday, June 14, ABRI office organized its annual barbecue for the ABRI research community (and beyond).

The barbecue was a nice occasion to reflect on all the great projects, high-impact publications, new educational programmes and other achievements of the last year, which all contributed to the recent excellent research assessment by the QANU committee.

The committee noted that “In terms of citation impact, the CWTS benchmark analysis shows VU (economics and business together) in 2nd place within the Netherlands and just outside of the top 10 of European benchmark institutes.” Regarding Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI), the committee added: “the committee was very impressed with the excellence of the strategy, as well as with the outstanding leadership and team spirit in its execution.”

ABRI wishes everyone a great conference and holiday season!

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