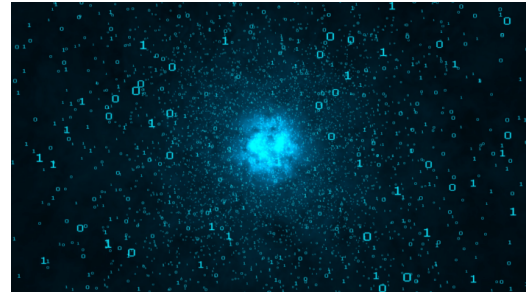




Artificial Intelligence for the Wellbeing and Sustainability of Societies



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Streaming

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2021

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Summer course

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Live online

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English

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30 hours

Organising Committee







Description

Almost everything you hear about artificial intelligence today is actually machine learning, and more specifically deep learning. This category of algorithms works by using statistics to find patterns in data, and it has proved immensely powerful in mimicking human skills. These capabilities power Google's search, Facebook's news feed, and Netflix's recommendation engine—and are transforming industries like health care and education.

But though deep learning has singlehandedly thrust AI into the public eye, it represents just a small blip in the history of humanity's quest to replicate our own intelligence. It's been at the forefront of that effort for less than 10 years. When you zoom out on the whole history of the field, it's easy to realize that it could soon be on its way out.

This course will provide a broader overview on Artificial Intelligence and discuss current applications, mainly in the Basque Country, also considering critically the need for a more complete global vision for AI, one that promotes sustainability and equity and ensures more democratic access to these technologies beyond the state of the art led by the Internet giants.

This Summer Course will be jointly organized by BC3, Basque Centre for Climate Change and BCAM, Basque Center for Applied Mathematics.

Objectives

To introduce students and non-experts to AI-powered **technologies** (beyond Machine Learning).

To demonstrate concrete **applications** of AI, possibly related to the wellbeing and sustainability of societies.

To get a **live** experience with these innovative technologies; (a live example of the tools, rather than a hands-on).

To share **reflections** on how AI has developed until now and what we can expect in the future.

Course specific contributors





Program

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Session 1: Technology

- 09:20 - 09:30 Presentation by the Director of the activity
Aritz Pérez Basque Center for Applied Mathematics (BCAM) - Researcher
Ferdinando Villa Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) - Ikerbasque professor
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- 09:30 - 09:50 “Artificial Intelligence Introduction”
Stefano Balbi Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) - Ikerbasque research fellow
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- 09:50 - 10:20 “Artificial Intelligence for a Sustainable Planet”
Simone Langhans Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) - Researcher
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- 10:20 - 10:30 Break
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- 10:30 - 11:00 “On the use of Ontologies for Smart and resilient cities”
Maria Cristina Marinescu Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (BSC) - Researcher
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- 11:00 - 11:30 “ Intelligent systems for Geosciences and Sustainability “
Ferdinando Villa Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) - Ikerbasque professor
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Session 2: Applications

- 09:20 - 09:50 “AI for Human Wellbeing “
Aurelia Bustos Moreno Medbravo - Co-founder & CTO
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- 09:50 - 10:20 “ Artificial intelligence in marine sciences”
Jose Antonio Fernandes Azti - Senior data scientist
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- 10:20 - 10:30 Break
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- 10:30 - 11:00 “ Machine learning for the new era of the industry”
Alberto Díez Oliván Tecnalía - Senior data scientist
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11:00 - 11:30 “ Improving the security of industry using artificial intelligence”
Raúl Orduna Urrutia Vicomtech - Digital security director

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Session 3: Live Showing of Laboratory Tools that employ Artificial Intelligence

09:20 - 09:50 “Live Showing: k.LAB”
Ferdinando Villa Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) - Ikerbasque professor

09:50 - 10:20 “Live Showing: Scikit-learn”
Aritz Pérez Basque Center for Applied Mathematics (BCAM) - Researcher

10:20 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:30 Round table: “Final Reflections: “Artificial intelligence is too important to leave it to the Internet Giants” “
María José Sanz Sánchez Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) - Scientific director (Moderator)
David Jensen UNEP - Digital transformation coordinator
Nuria Oliver European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems (ELLIS) - Co-founder & Vicepresident
Cristina Murillo Gómez GAIA - Cluster services manager

Directors



Ferdinando Villa

Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3), Ikerbasque professor

Dr. Villa started out as a Theoretical Ecologist and had a long parallel career as a Scientific Software Designer and Engineer. After carrying out research in many fields of Ecology, he worked for 15 years in ecological economics at the universities of Maryland and Vermont. He has authored or coauthored 150+ scientific publications, and has been recipient of major research grants from the US National Science Foundation, the European Union, the UK Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), UNEP-WCMC and other institutions and NGOs.



Aritz Pérez

Basque Center for Applied Mathematics (BCAM), Researcher

In 2007, Dr. Pérez co-founded K.B. Data Mining S.L., a company focused on the application of Machine Learning, Data Mining and optimization techniques to problems of biotechnology and industry, and he was the research manager until 2010. In 2010, Dr. Pérez finished his European thesis in the Intelligent System Group (UPV/EHU) about supervised classification with Bayesian networks in domains with mixed variables. He was a researcher at the Department of Computer Sciences and Artificial Intelligence from 2010 to 2014. Since 2011, Dr. Pérez has been an invited lecturer in the Master of Computational Engineering and Intelligent Systems of UPV/EHU. He has been a postdoctoral fellow at the Basque Center of Applied Mathematics (BCAM), from 2014. Since 2017, Dr. Pérez is a member of Join Research Lab with the participation of UPV/EHU, BCAM and Tecnalia Research & Innovation.

Teachers



Stefano Balbi

BC3. Basque Centre for Climate Change, Ikerbasque research fellow

Since completing his Master's in Environmental Economics, Dr. Balbi has studied human-natural systems interactions from a holistic perspective, where theories and approaches from both social and environmental scientific practice are integrated to better represent behaviors, spatial dependencies and temporal dynamics. This led him to pursue a PhD in Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development and to direct his interests towards research in human geography, to explore the complexity of social-ecological systems.



Aurelia Bustos Moreno

Medbravo, Co-founder & CTO

Dr. Bustos is a Medical Oncologist and a Computer Science Engineer, with a PhD in Artificial Intelligence. With decades of experience as a medical doctor, she decided to study computer science and bring the two disciplines together to further investigate how technology could help patients. She co-founded Medbravo, a platform to help research in cancer using technology, specifically deep learning, and she's was awarded in 2019 the Civil Merit Award by the King of Spain Felipe VI as recognition of her efforts.





Alberto Díez Oliván

Senior Data Scientist, TECNALIA

Dr. Díez-Oliván is a senior data scientist with more than 10 years of experience with machine learning applications. He received a Computer Science degree at UPV/EHU in 2006 and a M.Sc. in Computer Sciences and Artificial Intelligence in 2009 from the same University. He received his PhD degree in Robotics and Automation from the Technical University of Madrid in 2017, being his thesis related to machine learning methods and applications for data-driven prognostics. He entered Fatronik with the Iñaki Goenaga Research Fellowship in 2006 and in 2015 he did an internship at the NICTA's machine learning research group in Sydney (Australia). Nowadays he works as a senior data scientist in the TECNALIA's Industry & Transport Division. He has been involved in the design and development of intelligent applications in several R&D projects, addressing challenging data-driven problems.



Jose Antonio Fernandes

Azti, Senior data scientist

Dr. Fernandes is a data scientist from computing and artificial intelligence studies with the skills and experience needed to translate the data into valuable information for marine research. These skills are curiosity, biological and oceanographic expertise, economic knowledge, ability to find information, understanding of statistics and machine learning and multidisciplinary communicative skills. Latest work and future line of research is about mitigation of impacts and long-term sustainability of fisheries using the above skills. This line of research contributes to address the Spanish Science and Technology Strategy challenges number 2 (bioeconomy), 5 (climate change) and 7 (digital society). It also aligns with SDG 14 challenge (ocean sustainability).



David Jensen

UNEP, Digital transformation coordinator

David is currently heading the Digital Transformations for Environmental Sustainability programme at



UNEP. In this capacity, he is also leading UNEP's co-championship of the new Coalition for Digital Environmental Sustainability (CODES) that is part of the UN Secretary General's Digital Cooperation Roadmap. He holds an M.Sc. in Biology from Oxford University (UK) and an undergraduate degree in Geography from the University of Victoria (Canada). He is an Alumnus of the Peace Mediation Platform (Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs) and a Beahrs' Environmental Leadership Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.



Simone Langhans

Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3), Researcher

Dr. Langhans is a Marie Slodowska Curie Fellow at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand and BC3. She holds a Diploma in Natural Sciences, a MSc in Advanced Studies in Secondary and Higher Education, and a Doctor of Sciences from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH). Throughout her academic career, she has constantly broadened her expertise by joining research groups around the world. Besides academia, Dr. Langhans has experience working within government settings, having led the Swiss-wide development of river quality assessments for a few years after her PhD.



Maria Cristina Marinescu

Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (BSC), Researcher

Dr. Marinescu has a PhD in Computer Science from UCSB. After a 1.5 years Postdoc at MIT she moved to IBM Research, and then back to Europe as a Visiting Professor in Madrid. She is currently working as a senior researcher at BSC in Barcelona.



Cristina Murillo Gómez

GAIA, Cluster services manager

Dr. Murillo has a degree in Business and Economic Sciences, University of the Basque Country/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea in San Sebastian. Master in System Development in Internet Environments. Master in Social Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Open Innovation. She is the president at the European level of the Smart City Tech alliance and Vice-president at the national level of the National Federation of Innovative Business Groups and Clusters. She represents GAIA in European and international alliances. She defines, designs and develops projects that directly or indirectly satisfy the needs of associated companies and other clients, as well as GAIA's internal needs. (regional, national and international). She coordinates the secretary of the artificial intelligence working group called AIBasque.



Nuria Oliver

ELLIS, The European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems, Cofounder and Vicepresident

Dr. Oliver is a computer scientist. She is Chief Scientific Adviser at the Vodafone Institute, Chief Data Scientist at DataPop Alliance, an independent director on the board of directors of Bankia, and Commissioner of the Presidency of Valencia for AI and COVID-19. Previously, she was Director of Data Science Research at Vodafone, Scientific Director at Telefónica and researcher at Microsoft Research. She holds a PhD from the Media Lab at MIT, and is an IEEE Fellow, ACM Fellow, a member of the board of ELLIS, and elected permanent member of the Royal Academy of Engineering of Spain.





Raúl Orduna Urrutia

Vicomtech, Cybersecurity director

Dr. Orduna has a degree in Computer Science Engineering and a Diploma of Advanced Studies in the Complex Systems from UPV / EHU. He also has a PhD in the area of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence by UPNA. Besides being Cybersecurity Director at Vicomtech, he is associate professor at UPNA.



María José Sanz Sánchez

BC3, Basque Centre for Climate Change, Scientific Director

Prof. Sanz holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the Universidad de Valencia (1991) and has expertise in several scientific areas like Ecophysiology, Air pollution effects, lower and higher plants, Atmospheric dynamics and chemistry, Nitrogen and carbon cycles, Greenhouse Gasses and other related gases, Greenhouse gas inventories, LULUCF and REDD+. She has been strongly involved in the policy dimension of Climate Change, guiding political decisions carried out at centres such as the FAO (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation) or the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change). She has an expertise on multilateral processes, regulatory frameworks, policy measures and instruments of Climate Change Policy, and led the implementation of different programmes with a multidisciplinary-based approach.



Registration fees

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FREE REGISTRATION	0 EUR	-
GENERAL	-	105,00 EUR
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