



Welcome Back to the Spring Term

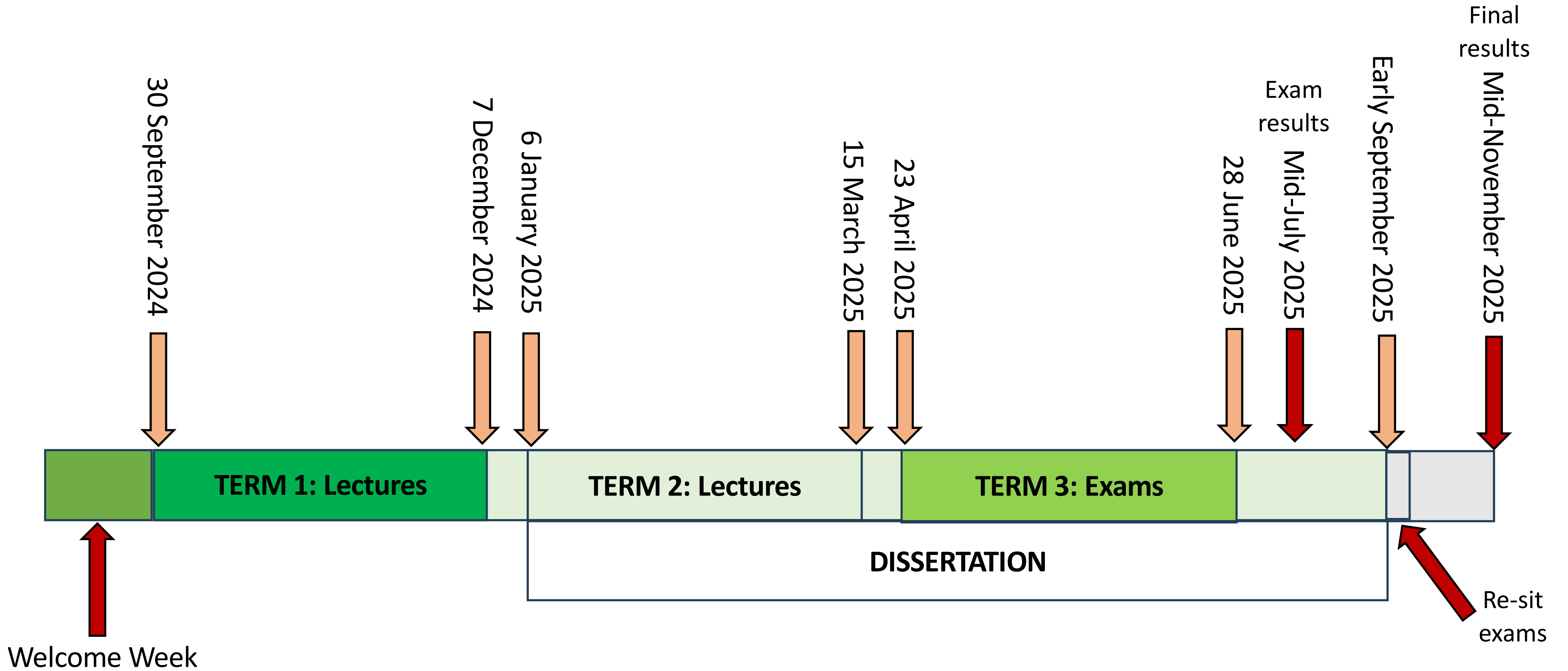
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What to expect today?

- Timeline of the course
- Learning materials for modules
- Exams and assessment
- Resources
- Building a strong PGT community
- Have your say on the course – SSLC representatives
- Support for health and well-being – mitigating circumstances claims

Slides available: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/dcs/admissions/newstudents/msc_studies/

Timeline of course



Module registration

You must take 180 CATS

Monday 6th January 2025 - 09:00	Module registration re-opens to make any module changes
Friday 24th January 2025 -17:00	Module registration closes

Recall: Students may not de-register from any module after 10% or more of the assessment for that module has been submitted or undertaken

Admin-related queries

- For any issues registering modules, please contact PGT support:

DCS.PGT.Support@warwick.ac.uk

- PGT support can also help with:
 - Letters confirming enrolment
 - Letters confirming marks
 - How to get copies of your transcript

Dissertation Project

- CS907 (CS) & CS913 (DA): 60 CATS
- Registration: a form to confirm your subject area and supervisor.
Deadline: **Thursday 16th January 2025 (noon)**
 - Work on a topic you feel passionate about!
 - Ideas may involve purely research or an application-oriented project
 - The final topic can be refined in conjunction with your supervisor
- You need to pass your dissertation project to be awarded an MSc degree

Dissertation Project

- Define the scope of your dissertation
- Account for the time you have (and exams) → plan activities accordingly, i.e., a Gantt Chart
- Stay in touch with your supervisor: schedule regular meetings, keep track of progress and any deliverables
- Other important deadlines:
 - Presentation (5%): End of April 2025 - mid May 2025
 - Interim Report (15%): Thursday 10th July 2025 (noon)
 - Dissertation Report (80%): Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (noon)



Learning materials

- Each module has a dedicated webpage
- Materials are posted on the webpage or on Moodle
 - If unsure, please ask the module organizer
- Learning materials may be:
 - Slides used during the lecture
 - Notes
 - Suggested books/papers
 - Recording of the lectures
- Materials are important to complement lectures



Exams and Assessment

- Typically, exams start in Week 4 of Term 3
- Module pass mark is **50%** - final mark combines final exam plus any coursework
 - MSc with Distinction → exceptional performance, overall mark of at least 70/100
 - MSc with Merit → excellent performance, overall mark of 60/100 to 69/100.
 - MSc → 150 credits, all core modules passed
 - this means that there could be some failed optional modules
 - any failed module can be re-sat in early September – final mark will be based only on the re-sit exam and capped at 50/100
 - if after re-siting exams, there are still failed optional modules, these should have a mark no less than 40/100 to be eligible for the MSc degree + 150 credits (all core modules passed)
- See the student handbook for other cases

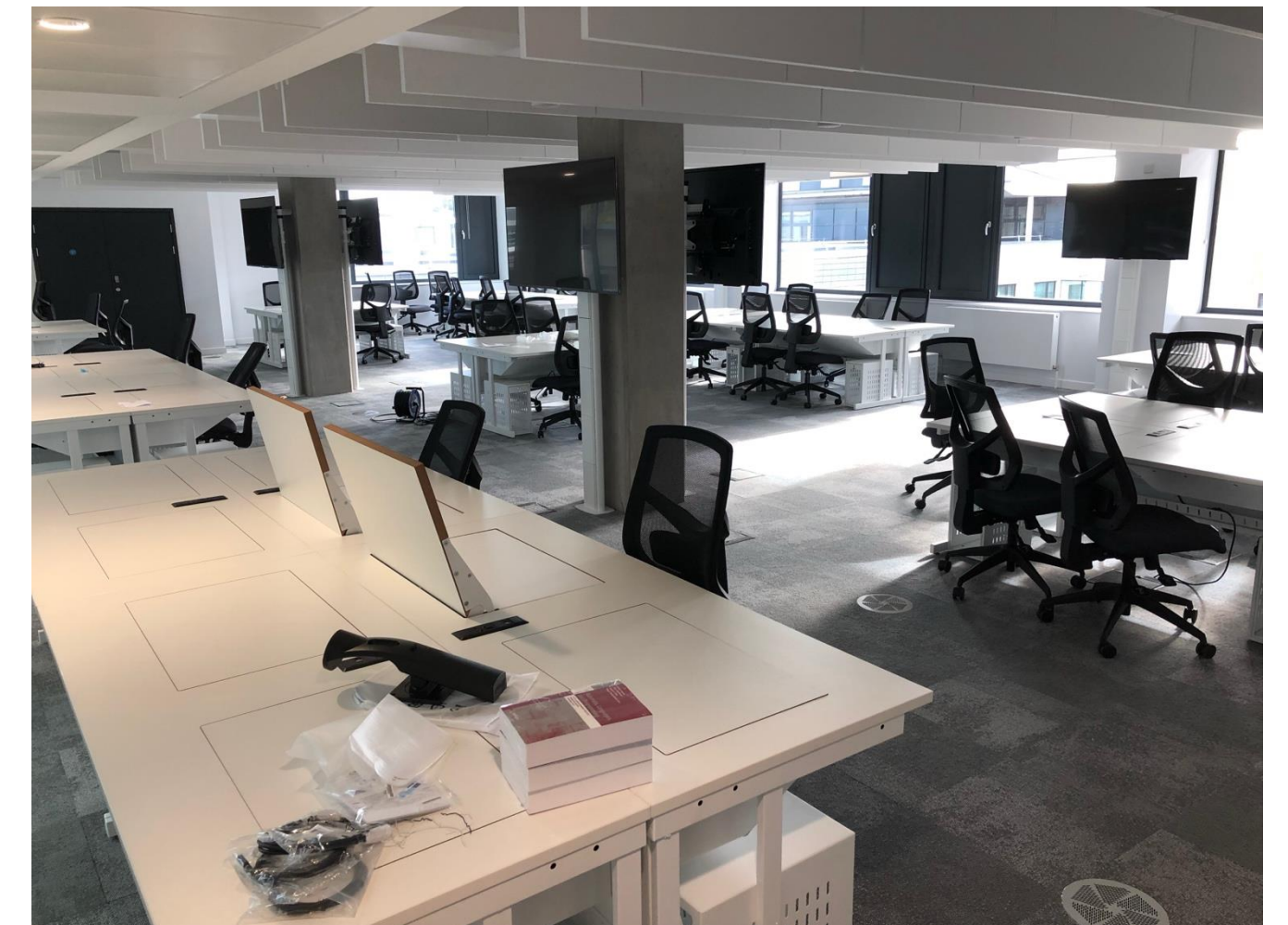
Final results

- Announced on Tabula by mid-November 2025
- There are prizes available for best-performing students:
 - Best Performance CS
 - Best Dissertation CS
 - Best Performance DA
 - Best Dissertation DA

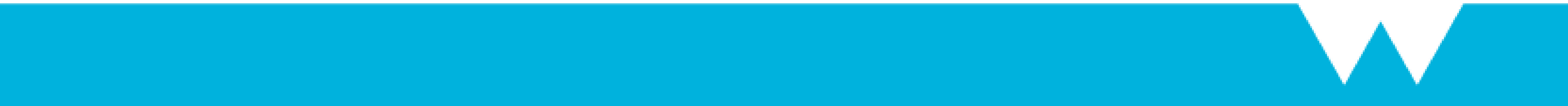
Resources - IT

- MSc spaces in the Mathematical Sciences Building (MSB) - 3rd floor – MB3.18
- Large MSc lab in MB3.17
- Remote access to DCS systems
- More info at:

warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/dcs/admissions/newstudents/msc_studies/



Resources – Careers support

- Samantha Merrix – dedicated to CS and provides career appointments & mock interviews
 - Tues and Weds in CS2.09, bookable on MyAdvantage (select “Samantha Merrix” from the ‘staff member’ list) but email if you can’t find suitable appointments!
 - CV and application reviews
 - Book “Applications feedback & opportunity advice” appointments with Job Search Advisers on MyAdvantage
 - Drop-in Senate House, Tues-Fri 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm in term time
 - Questions email: **Samantha.merrix@warwick.ac.uk**
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Departmental Careers Events & Workshops:

[Goldman Sachs Tech Talk: Practical Software Development Considerations](#) 15th
2 – 4pm OC0.03

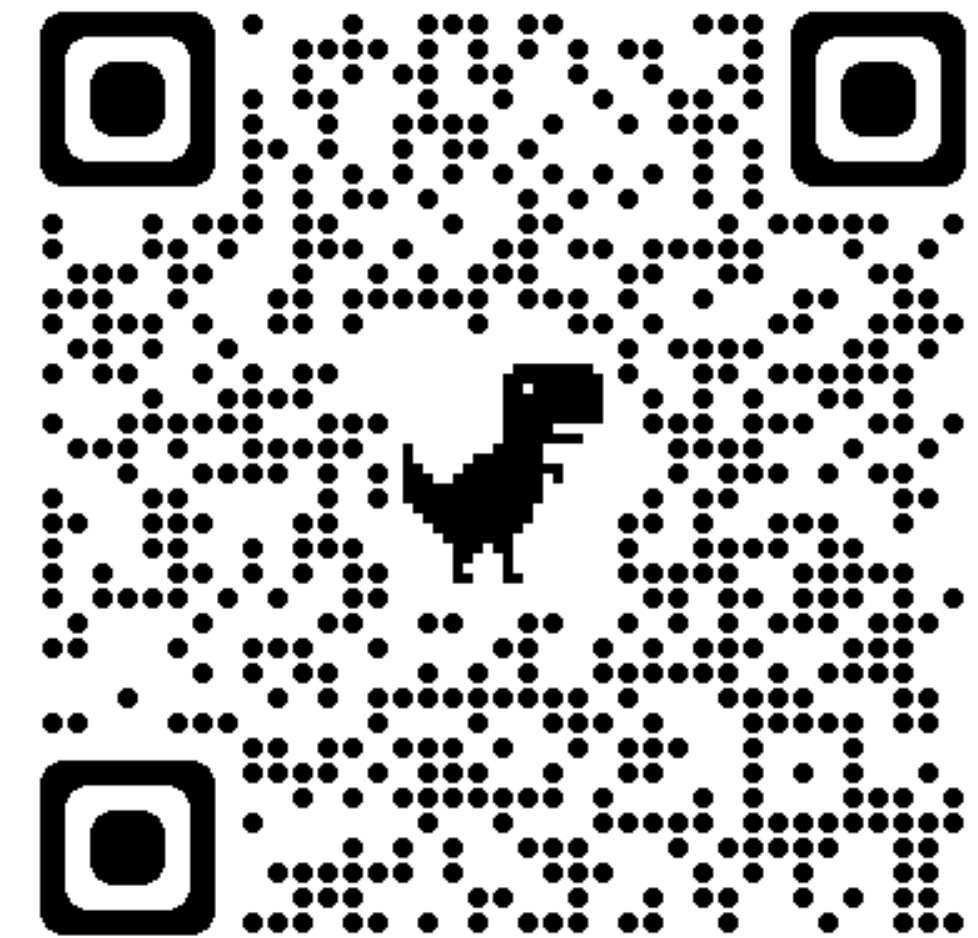
CV and Applications Workshop – 23rd Jan 2-3pm, CS1.04

Interviews Workshop – 29th Jan 1-2pm, CS1.04

LinkedIn and Networking Workshop - 12th Feb 2-3:30pm, R1.13

Book via [MyAdvantage](#)! Details also on [CS Events Calendar](#)

CS Careers Page



<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/dcs/teaching/applicationadvice>

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Central Careers Events & Workshops:

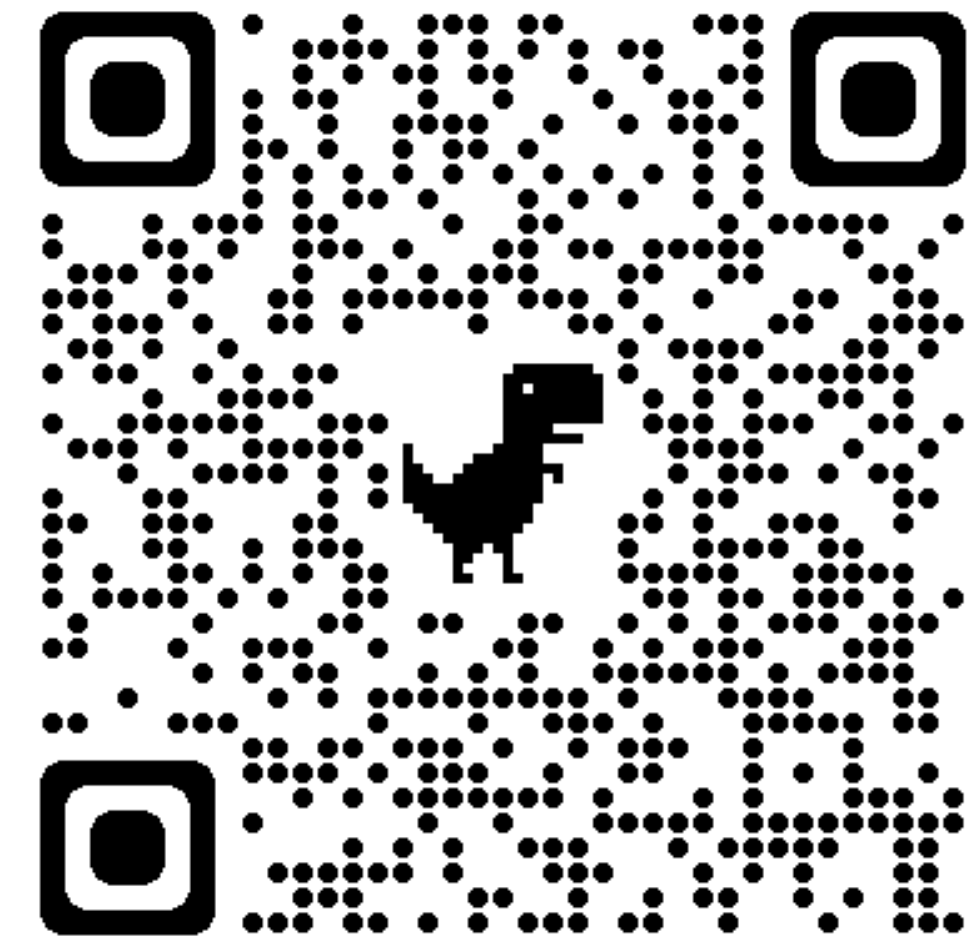
Competency Based Interview Workshop – 28th Jan 1-2pm

Assessment Centre Practice – 15th Jan 12-1pm

Women in STEM – 11th Feb 6:15pm

Booking and latest events: [MyAdvantage](#)

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Building a strong PGT community



- Weekly coffee catch-up:
 - ✓ When: Wednesdays, 10 am – 10:30 am Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9
 - ✓ Where: Room MS3.18
- Other social events:
 - In previous years, we have organized badminton sessions or board games
 - Toward the end of T3, we host a pub quiz for Masters-level students (MSc and Meng).
 - Any social events you would like to have? – have your say!

Have your say on the course



Charlene Ng (CS)



Ali Aljazeera (CS)



Rajdeep Mehra (DA)

SSLC Representatives

Mitigating Circumstances

- If you feel your progress is affected by any major issue, including health problems, submit a mit. circumstances claim:
 - specific piece(s) of assessed work
 - performance on final exams or dissertation
 - performance throughout the whole year
- Mitigating Circumstances claims affecting performance on the final exams must be submitted **before** the June Exam Board
- Mitigating Circumstances claims affecting overall performance and performance on the dissertation must be submitted **before** the Final Exam Board
- Please familiarize yourself with procedures in the student handbook



Q&A

