Academic mentor

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▶ Importance of social interactions, and seminars
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- Seminar on music cognition and computation
- ILLC Colloquium
- SMART Cognitive Science Lectures
- LogiCIC Seminar
- The LeGO (Leerstoel Groepen Overleg) Seminar
- Seminar on Provability, Interpretability, Intuitionism and Arithmetic (PIIA)
- AlgebraCoalgebra Seminar
- Cognition at ILLC

- Theoretical Computer Science Seminar

Full descriptions at ILLC website
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▶ Financial problems: panic, talk to everybody
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