Academic Mentorship System @MoL

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Academic mentors this year

- Maria Aloni
- Alexandru Baltag
- Benno van den Berg
- Franz Berto
- Nick Bezhanishvili
- Ulle Endriss
- Raquel Fernández
- Peter Hawke
- Dick de Jongh
- Benedikt Löwe
- Floris Roelofsen
- Robert van Rooij
- Christian Schaffner
- Sonja Smets
- Shane Steinert-Threlkeld
- Yde Venema
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Mentorship is a tool for solving problems: use it!
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Other general advices

▶ Avoid dispersion: don’t enroll for too many courses!
▶ Be broad: don’t focus on only one topic/discipline!
▶ Importance of social interactions, and seminars
(Regular) seminars

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- The DIP Colloquium
- Computational Linguistics Seminar
- The Colloquium on Mathematical Logic
- Computational Social Choice Seminar
- Logic and Interactive RAtionality (LIRa)
- 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
- Music Cognition Reading Group
- Dutch Social Choice Colloquium
- Cognitive Semantics and Quantities Reading Group
- QuSoft Seminar

Full descriptions at ILLC website
http://www.illc.uva.nl/NewsandEvents/Events/Regular/
What to do when

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