SIMPLEX 2015 Chairs' Welcome

Building on the success in the past six years, the seventh Annual Workshop on Simplifying Complex Networks for Practitioners – SIMPLEX 2015 continues to serve as a forum for researchers as well as practitioners to disseminate and discuss recent advances and emerging issues in understanding and simplifying complex networks.

In response to our initial call for paper of SIMPLEX 2015, we received 10 submissions. All submissions were given careful considerations, and were reviewed by at least 4 reviewers from the program committee, based on their originality, significance, technical soundness, and clarity of expression. Based on the program committee's recommendations, we finally decided to accept four regular and two short papers to be presented in the workshop. The final program consisted of high quality works spanning a wide range of topics, including graph measurements and generation, community detection, understanding complex networks with spectral theory, simplifying recommendations, collaboration networks, and online game networks analysis.

Along with those papers, we were also honored to have Dr. Bruno Ribeiro (Carnegie Mellon University) and Dr. Nishanth Sastry (King's College London) as keynote speakers. Dr. Bruno's talk is titled "Challenges of Forecasting and Measuring a Complex Networked World", while Dr. Sastry's talk is titled "Predicting Pinterest: Organising the world's images with human-machine collaboration."

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