Foreword to the 2nd newsletter

This is the 2nd issue of the newsletter that has been launched this year. Again, it is intended to serve as an information board that delivers recent information about the program structure and organization in the MSc program Cognitive Systems. Also, recent changes and developments as well as updates will be summarized. This time the main recent development is the revision of the Study and Examination regulations (Fachspezifische Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, FSPO, in German). The summary of the new structure is given below. Again, at the end, the list of the appointed reviewers for Master theses is included.

New Study and Examination regulations (FSPO 2017)

With the meeting of the Study Commission on June 21, 2017 we finally approved a new structure of the course program in the MSc program of Cognitive Systems. In the meantime, the Faculty Committee and the Academic Senate have approved the new structure as well.

The new revised program is divided into a mandatory and an elective part. The **mandatory module** offers define the Basic and the Interdisciplinary Subject, respectively. Their contents are composed of previously existing modules (from the regulation as of 2014). One new interdisciplinary module has now been included, namely the Colloquium "Recent Developments in Cognitive Systems Research" (which includes a mentorium). This colloquium will be offered each semester. The **elective module** offers are now rearranged into the Special and the Applied Subject, respectively, where the Special Subject is the set of lectures and seminars, while the Applied Subject contains the projects.

The complete structure of the course program can be found in the **Course Program**. The pdf document can be found under the link

https://www.uni-ulm.de/fileadmin/website_uni_ulm/iui2/dokumente/Master/Cognitive_Systems/CogSys-CourseProgram-FSPO2017-171028.pdf

The **Study and Examination regulations**, which define the legal specifications of the MSc program and, thus, the structural framework for the Course Program, has been approved by the Academic Senate of Ulm University and has been signed by the president. The pdf document can be found at the link

https://www.uni-ulm.de/fileadmin/website_uni_ulm/zuv/zuv.dezIII.abt2u3/3-2oeffentlich/bekanntmachungen/2017/fspo_cognitive_systems_2017.pdf

The **module handbook** with all module offers as they occur in the Course Program has also been updated. The module descriptions are online and can be found at the link

https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de/qislsf/rds?state=modulBeschrGast&moduleParameter=modDescr&next=tree.vm&nextdir=qispos/modulBeschr/gast&navigationPosition=modules%2CmodulBeschrGast&breadcrumb=modDescrViewOnly&topitem=modules&subitem=modulBeschrGast&asi=

Reviewer appointment in Cognitive Systems for MSc theses

The study commission together with the board of examiners has decided upon a strategy to decide who is eligible to supervise an MSc thesis in the Cognitive Systems program. The regulation has been approved in the meeting of the study commission (Feb. 1, 2017). The regulation is as follows:

> Supervisors of a Masters thesis in the Cognitive Systems study program can be lecturers who are members of the Faculty of Engineering, Computer Science, and Psychology. In order to serve as supervisor, lecturers need to be actively involved in regular teaching by offering courses in the Cognitive Systems course program.

> The list with the names of appointed lecturers is compiled and is valid until retraction. This list will be reassessed each semester.

> According to §16c, paragraph 5 of the study regulations, an external researcher (Dr., PhD or Professor) may serve as supervisor of a Masters thesis which topic coheres with the scope of the Cognitive Systems program. In this case, a formal application needs to be sent in to the examinations board in order to get an official invitation. Such an application should include information about the candidate supervisor and the topic of the prospective thesis. The co-supervisor of such externally conducted thesis must be a lecturer from the list mentioned above.

The current list (as of October 2017) is enclosed to this document as a separate file.

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