

# 17<sup>th</sup> Eawag Summer School in Bayesian Methods for Environmental Modelling (preliminary)

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Practice sessions: Thiago Nascimento (TN), Cheng Chen (CC).

## Sunday, May 31: Optional Preparatory Course

15:00 - 15:45	lecture	AS	<b>Review of probability theory</b>
16:00 - 17:00	practice	CC	Exercises

## Monday, June 1: Probabilistic Models

08:45 - 09:00		CA	<b>Introduction to the Course</b>
09:00 - 09:45	lecture	CA	<b>Probabilistic modelling</b>
09:45 - 10:15		CA, all	Introduction and expectations of participants
10:45 - 11:15	lecture	AS	<b>Sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo simulation</b>
11:30 - 12:15	lecture	AS	<b>Likelihood functions</b>
14:30 - 17:30	practice	TN	Practice of likelihood functions and sensitivity analysis

19:00 *barbecue*

## Tuesday, June 2: Introduction to Bayesian Analysis

08:30 - 09:15	lecture	DK	<b>Illustration of Bayesian inference</b>
09:30 - 10:15	lecture	AS	<b>Concepts of Bayesian inference</b>
10:45 - 11:30	lecture	CA	<b>Bayesian computation with Monte Carlo methods</b>
11:45 - 12:30	lecture	DK	<b>Improving models using posterior diagnostics</b>
14:30 - 17:30	practice	CC/TN	Practice of elementary Bayesian inference

## Wednesday, June 3: Advanced Bayesian Computation

08:30 - 09:15	lecture	DK	<b>Identifiability analysis</b>
09:30 - 11:00	lecture	CA	<b>Advanced Bayesian inference algorithms</b>
11:15 - 12:00	lecture	AS	<b>Probabilistic programming languages</b>
14:00 - 16:30	pracitce	AB	Practice of advanced Bayesian inference
16:30 - 18:30	Poster session		Poster session with flash presentations

## Thursday, June 4: ML Techniques

09:00 - 09:30	lecture	DK	<b>Optimization techniques</b>
09:45 - 10:15	lecture	CA	<b>Emulators</b>
10:30 - 11:15	lecture	MBJ	<b>Variational inference</b>
11:30 - 12:15	lecture	AB	<b>Overview of ML techniques for Bayesian inference</b>
14:30 - 15:30	lecture/practice	DD	Room 1
15:30 - 16:30	lecture/practice	AB	Inference with hierarchical models
16:30 - 17:30	lecture/practice	MBJ	Room 2
			Repetition (AS) / problems of participants
			Variational Bayes

## Friday, June 5: Further Topics of Bayesian Computation and Applications

09:00 - 09:45	lecture	DK	<b>Hydrological modeling, uncertainty and hypothesis testing</b>
10:00 - 10:45	lecture	MH	<b>Bayesian model selection</b>
11:00 - 11:45	lecture	AS	<b>ML vs Bayes / Q&amp;A</b>
14:00 - 14:30	discussion	all	<b>Summary and Feedback</b>
14:30 - 15:30	cleaning	all	

Link to the exercises: <https://www.eawag.ch/summerschool/exercises>