Utrecht University

Master Applied Data Science
Student Conference Day

INFOMDW & INFOMDAML

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Keynote speakers



Arthur Hayen
S. Data Scientist Menzis



Shihan Wang
Assistant professor ICS – UU



Jelle Teijema
Data Scientist Ministry of Defense



Emmeke Aarts
Associate professor Social Sciences – UU

PROGRAM

09:00-09:15 — **Welcome & coffee**

09:15-09:30 — **Introduction by the coordinators**
Hakim Qahtan and Robert Bagheri

09:30-10:30 — **Keynote 1 – Dr. Arthur Hayen**
How data science boosts value in health insurance
Sr. Data Scientist at Menzis

10:30-11:00 — **Break**

11:00-12:00 — **Keynote 2 – Dr. Shihan Wang**
Learning from Interactive Data: RL as a Method
Assistant professor ICS – UU

12:00-13:00 — **Lunch**

13:00-14:00 — **Keynote 3 – Dr. Jelle Teijema**
7 years later: ADS experiences in academic and industry settings
Data Scientist at the Ministry of Defense

14:00-14:15 — **Break**

14:15-15:15 — **Keynote 4 – Dr. Emmeke Aarts**
Uncovering personalized latent dynamics in psychological time series data
Associate professor MSDS – UU

15:15-15:30 — **Break**

15:30-16:30 — **Q&A with the coordinators**

16:30-16:45 — **Closing & drinks**