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PhD Symposium Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to *The Web Conference 2019 PhD Symposium*. The goal of the PhD Symposium is to provide a supportive atmosphere for mid-career PhD students to present and receive feedback on their ongoing work. Students get an opportunity to present and discuss their problem statements, goals, methods and results. The symposium aims to provide students with useful guidance on various aspects of their research from established researchers and other PhD students, working in areas related to the World Wide Web. Finally, the symposium also aims to enable PhD students to interact with other participants and potential collaborators in order to stimulate an exchange of ideas, suggestions and experiences.

We received 18 proposals from United States, Europe, and South America. Submissions covered a variety of topics, including social media analysis, linked data, recommender systems, entity linking and others. Of these, 13 were selected for participation in the symposium. The accepted proposals are listed below.

- Marie Destandau, Interactive Visualisation Techniques for the Web of Data
- Edoardo Galimberti, Cores and Other Dense Structures in Complex Networks
- Donya Rooein, Data-Driven Edu Chatbots
- Riccardo Tommasini, Velocity on the Web
- Lin Malone, Finding Themselves between Home and Host Cultures: The Use of Facebook by International Students
- Jasser Jasser, Dynamics of Information Cascades
- Robin Brochier, Representation Learning for Recommender Systems with Application to the Scientific Literature
- Mengfan Yao, Robust Detection of Cyberbullying in Social Media
- Joobin Gharibshah, Extracting actionable information from Security Forums
- Porter Jenkins, ClickGraph: Web Page Embedding using Clickstream Data for Multitask Learning
- Henry Rosales-Méndez, Towards Better Entity Linking Evaluation
- Kaustav Basu, Identification of the Source(s) of Misinformation Propagation Utilizing Identifying Codes
- Himan Abdollahpouri, Incorporation of System-Level Objectives into Recommender Systems

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