

The Working Group on Risk - CREAR, with the support of the IDS dpt, Institut des Actuaire, LabEx MME-DII and the group BFA (SFdS), has the pleasure to invite you to the Seminar by:

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Zigzag expanded navigation plots in R: The R package zenplots

This talk concerns Data Visualization as part of Data Science. It raises the question how high-dimensional data can be visualized. The notion of a zenpath and a zenplot is introduced to search and visualize high-dimensional data for model building and statistical inference. By using any measure of "interestingness", a zenpath can construct paths through pairs of variables indifferent ways, which can then be laid out and displayed by a zenplot. Zenpaths and zenplots are useful tools for exploring dependence in high-dimensional data, for example, from the realm of finance, insurance and quantitative risk management. All presented algorithms are implemented using the R package zenplots and the talk will introduce selected features of the package

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