

# **CoE-Mass** weekly seminar series

THE DST-NRF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTICAL SCIENCES (CoE-MaSS) WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A SEMINAR BY

## **Igor Rodionov**

(School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, University of the Witwatersrand)

"The journey so far"

Friday, 09 September 2016 10h30-11h30

#### **Broadcast live from:**

Videoconferencing Facility, 1st Floor Mathematical Sciences Building, Wits West Campus



#### How to connect to this seminar remotely:

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#### Title:

The journey so far

#### Presenter:

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#### Abstract:

Advicement is a start up company which was started in May 2015 and been busy with the development of a web platform which automates the functions of financial advisors in South Africa. In this seminar, Igor will discuss the financial advisory industry in South Africa and the problem statement which Advicement is attempting to solve. Furthermore, Igor will present the prototype of the platform which uses various quantitative techniques to explain underlying portfolios of investments.

### Biography:

Igor studied at Wits during his academic career. He completed his undergraduate degree in Actuarial Science and Statistics and continued with Advanced Mathematics of Finance Honours degree in 2008, where he finished joint second in the class. Igor also completed a MSc in the financial discipline. In industry, Igor has 4 years of experience during which he worked as a quantitative analyst. During this time, he was rated as a top 6 analyst in the risk management and quantitative analysis categories in South Africa. Currently, Igor lectures a South African Financial Markets course at Wits, while working as a managing director of Advicement Investment Services, a start up company looking to launch a roboadvisor in South Africa.