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A RESEARCH SEMINAR BY

Prof Paul Fatti

(School of Statistics and Actuarial Science, Wits)

*“Big Data, Data Science and
Analytics - The end of Statistics?”*

Friday, 21 August 2015
10h30-11h30



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Title:

Big Data, Data Science and Analytics - The end of Statistics?

Presenter:

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Abstract:

My talk will discuss the three concepts: Big data, Data Science and Analytics which have sprung up in the last few years, apparently without the involvement of mainstream Statistics or statisticians. They could be seen as a threat to Statistics but also as an exciting opportunity for the discipline.

Biosketch:

Prof Fatti has three degrees from Wits (BSc 1964, BSc Honours 1967, and PhD 1979) with a MSc, DIC from the Imperial College, London, 1968. He has worked for the Chamber of Mines, the Institute for Operational Research, the CSIR and Wits, as well as being an independent consultant. Prof Fatti has published 106 publications (35 in Stats and Ops Research, and 71 in Statistical applications) and 1 book. He has supervised 8 PhD students and 10 masters students.