Closing Remarks

2023 CSSS

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Purpose and Goals of Summer School

Introduce you to some of the methods, tools, theory, and concepts used in complex systems research.

Provide an opportunity for you to gain experience collaborating on a transdisciplinary research project.

Connect with future colleagues and collaborators and the SFI research community and foster an international network of complex systems scholars.

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- Move at the speed of trust. Focus on critical connections more than critical mass—build resilience by building the relationships. (adrienne maree brown, *Emergent Strategy*, AK Press, 2017.)

Other Things that Happened

- Three Fridays at SFI
- Postdoc flashtalks
- Workshops: La Cerva, Buongiorno Nardelli
- IAIA Museum reception
- Panel with IAIA students and graduates (Alice, Brent, Ellen, Feather, Soledad, Veneron)
- July 4th cookout
- Meals, hikes, and other self-organized (mis)adventures

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Also... final research papers are due on November 1.

Some personal reflections and thoughts



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