

## Program Companion for BigSurv20 Friday #5

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### The grand finale

It's hard to believe that this Friday marks the end of BigSurv20. What you've seen over the past four weeks is the result of 18+ months of planning (which, in reality, was nine months of solid, well-organized planning for an in-person conference, followed by nine-months of ad hoc planning for a virtual conference). Thank you for your patience and support throughout the process. While we're sad BigSurv20 is coming to a close, we are very proud of the finale we have prepared for you this week. As always, we look forward to virtually seeing you on Friday!

### The BigSurv20 Closing Events

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better than what has taken place over the past four Fridays, we present the BigSurv20 closing events...

We bring BigSurv20 to an end with two LIVE sessions on December 4<sup>th</sup>. A plenary session and the BigSurv20 closing session.

#### BigSurv20 plenary session

The first half of the final BigSurv20 Friday will be filled with a panel discussion on the topic of data and privacy. Our panel members will cover a wide variety of topics including differential privacy, perspectives on data and privacy in the global south, trust amongst technological platform users, ethical data use, and the emerging concept of 'data counseling'. Be

sure to visit the [BigSurv20 plenary session webpage](#) to see a listing of the panel members and moderator.

#### BigSurv20 closing session

The space remaining on this page won't do justice to describe what we have in store for you with the BigSurv20 closing session. I know you're thinking to yourself "but there's at least half a column left. Isn't that enough space?" Our response is an emphatic "NO." Thankfully, there is a second page to this newsletter that we can use to provide all the juicy details. Check out page 2 for more information.

#### Live session help sheet

Since the closing events will be completely live, you won't have access to your mic or camera. Instead, to interact, you should use the Zoom chat and Q&A features. Info on how to use these fancy features will be provided during Friday's sessions. Have fun with us!



NOVEMBER 6  
TO DECEMBER 4  
VIRTUALLY  
EVERY FRIDAY



Chat



Q&A

# BigSurv20 Friday #5 – Program at a Glance

There are only two sessions, but both are guaranteed to be fantastic (or we'll reimburse your registration fee)

December 4<sup>th</sup> is the last of our five “BigSurv20 Fridays.” For this week, the BigSurv20 Scientific Committee has organized the BigSurv20 plenary and the BigSurv20 closing session.

- **10:00am - 11:30am (Eastern Time)** – [BigSurv20 Plenary Session](#) **LIVE!**
- **11:45am - 12:30pm (Eastern Time)** – [BigSurv20 Closing Session](#) **LIVE!**

## An extravaganza you will NOT want to miss: The BigSurv20 closing session

We're calling the BigSurv20 closing session a highlights/wrap-up show, but it's bound to be so much more. This article provides an overview of what we have planned, but we should warn you that what we have planned and what actually takes place during this live event may be two entirely different things. But trust us when we say it is going to be fabulous!

### Our uber-discussant

Many BigSurv attendees are quite familiar with our closing session host, Dr. Craig A. Hill. Dr. Hill served as the chair of the BigSurv18 conference and played the jack-of-all trades handyman in lending his expertise to many activities as part of the BigSurv20 Scientific Committee. Given his wide-ranging knowledge of everything BigSurv, he is the perfect individual to host the event that brings BigSurv20 to a close.

### The agenda

We considered simply putting “Anything and everything” as the only agenda item. But we thought that might be too narrow of a description for what we have planned. We plan to touch on a variety of topics over the course of the session including, but certainly not limited to, the following:

- BigSurv20 Fridays – The numerous highlights, a few lowlights, and everything in between
- BigSurv20 award winners
  - Poster competition winners
  - Student paper competition
  - Big Data Challenge winner!
- BigSurv20 special issue journals
- The future of BigSurv – Where does BigSurv go from here? What does the future of the BigSurv “franchise” look like? Will there be a BigSurv22 and, if so, will it be “live” or virtual?

