

## Program Companion for BigSurv20 Friday #2

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### Four more Fridays!!

The first BigSurv20 Friday is in the books. And dare we say the conference is off to a really good start thanks to the BigSurv20 keynote address by Dr. Albert Ali Salah and our first set of parallel sessions. If you weren't able to partake in the fun, please know that many of the recordings from the parallel sessions are available on the BigSurv20 website. (And the recording of the keynote address will be posted very soon.) Thank you for your attendance and participation in last Friday's activities. We look forward to virtually seeing you in a few days.

### BigSurv20 Tips and Lessons Learned

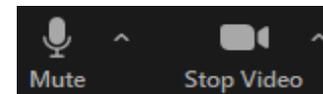
Having completed our first BigSurv20 Friday, we learned a few things and identified a few additional tips to pass along. Read on...

In the past eight or so months, all of us have become VERY familiar with video communication platforms. However, some do not use Zoom on a regular basis. This Friday, we will have two sets of parallel sessions. This article gives you a few basic tips on how to interact in Zoom at BigSurv20.



← You'll see this chat icon while in Zoom. This is your virtual connection to the other session attendees. During the session, use the chat function to ask questions to presenters. Be

sure to include the presenter's name (e.g., @Jane) in your chat message so they know the question is for them. Some presenters will answer immediately. Others will answer during the live Q&A at the end of the session.



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enable you to be seen and heard during the live Q&A at the session's end. Even if you don't have a question, feel free to turn on your video while enjoying the Q&A. Who knows, by seeing each other during the sessions, it may *almost* feel like we're together in Utrecht. 😊

If you haven't already, please skim the [BigSurv20 Zoom page](#) for insight on using Zoom at BigSurv20. Throughout the conference, BigSurv20 technical support for Zoom is available by emailing Shane Hamstra at [Shamstra\[at\]rti.org](mailto:Shamstra[at]rti.org).



NOVEMBER 6  
TO DECEMBER 4  
VIRTUALLY  
EVERY FRIDAY

# BigSurv20 Friday #2 – Program at a Glance

Two sets of parallel sessions = twice the amount of fun!

November 13<sup>th</sup> marks the second of our five “BigSurv20 Fridays.” Like all of the BigSurv20 Fridays, the festivities will begin at 10:00am (Eastern Time). For this week, the BigSurv20 Scientific Committee has organized two sets of parallel sessions for your viewing pleasure. This article provides a general overview of the wonderfulness you should expect to encounter.

The BigSurv20 parallel sessions focus on topics that are at the intersection of computer/data science and survey/social science. This conference is venturing into new territory and serves as an opportunity to establish a conversation between two disciplines that have not historically interacted. The sessions will each last approximately 90 minutes. Clicking on the links below will provide a listing of the presentations within each session. Please note that the recordings for many of these presentations are already available on the BigSurv20 website and can be viewed in advance of the conference.

## **Parallel sessions at 10:00am (Eastern Time)**

- [Can we make computers “think” like us?](#)
- [Volume and/or value?! Improving data quality in the era of big data](#)
- [Responsive design using external information and modern prediction](#)
- [I'm sensing there's an APP for that too!](#)
- [Embrace the trace? Exploring digital trace data 1](#)

## **Parallel sessions at 11:45am (Eastern Time)**

- [Ethical challenges in the era of big data](#)
- [Official statistics in the era of big data](#)
- [Using alternative data sources and innovative methods to improve the National Survey of College Graduates](#)
- [I'm sensing there's even more APPs for that!](#)
- [Embrace the trace? Exploring digital trace data 2](#)

## **Maximum number of attendees for parallel sessions**

As a reminder, in the spirit of creating as much of an in-person experience as possible, we have limited the maximum number of attendees in each parallel session to 200. This attendee limitation is to allow attendees to turn on their videos and engage in the live Q&A with the presenters (during the last 15 minutes of each session). All Zoom sessions will open 15 minutes prior to their official start. Get there early to grab a spot!

## BigSurv20 Frequently Asked Question

**Q: I know Slack is an option for communicating with other BigSurv20 attendees, but what types of topics are being discussed?**

**A:** In the past week, BigSurv20 attendees used Slack to discuss general topics related to the conference (e.g., the availability of presentation slides), ask additional questions to the presenters after sessions have ended, and share ideas/possibilities for further research with other attendees. If you haven't visited the BigSurv20 Slack platform, we encourage you to give it a try this week and in the coming weeks. For information on how to get started on Slack, please visit the [BigSurv20 Slack page](#).