

# Empowering Decision-Making with Data & (Causal) Al

Trainings for Data Scientists & Top Management

Trainings Program 2025



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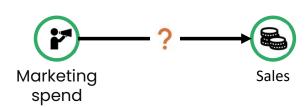


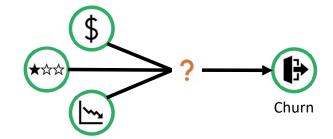
### Fundamental to Every Strategy is to Ask Questions

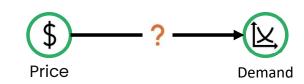
How does marketing spending drive sales?
What's an optimal resource allocation?

What factors **contribute** to customer **retention**?
Which actions can be taken to **minimize** customer **churn**?

How to **optimize** the **pricing** strategy?







Causal insights reveal the true drivers behind these outcomes, guiding better decisions



### The Issue with Experiments

Experiments can answer causal questions but are often:



Costly!



**Unethical!** 





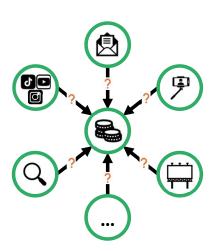
Causal AI offers advanced methods beyond simple A/B tests to answer complex business questions



### **Practical Applications of Causal Al**

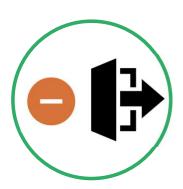
#### **Marketing Mix Modeling**

Understand the precise impact of each marketing channel



#### **Customer Churn Analysis**

Identify actions that reduce churn and optimize retention policies



#### **Financial Forecasting & Planning**

Predict outcomes based on causal factors, not just correlations





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### Who We Are



**Prof. Dr. Martin Spindler** 

**Professor of Statistics and Machine Learning** at University of Hamburg

**Cofounder of Economic AI** 

**Fields of interest:** Machine Learning (focus on Causal Machine Learning)

**Ph.D.** from Ludwig Maximilians University Munich

**Applications** in Finance, Marketing, Ecommerce, Pricing, A/B Testing

Founder and Director of Economic Al



**Prof. Victor Chernozhukov, PhD** 

**International Ford Professor** at MIT, Department of Economics

Cofounder of Economic Al

Fields of interest: Econometrics and Statistics

Ph.D. from Stanford University

**Member** of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2016)

**Bessel Award** of the Humboldt Foundation (2017)

**Extensive Consulting Work** with **Amazon** (2018–2020), State Street Corporation, Microsoft Research Lab NE



Dr. Philipp Bach

**Head of Trainings** at Economic Al

**Fields of interest:** Causal Inference, Machine Learning

Ph.D. from University of Hamburg

**Applications:** pricing, marketing, resource allocation, decision analysis



## Economic AI – Bridging Industry & Excellence in AI Research



Economic AI was founded by **leading researchers** in (Causal) AI & ML



We provide data-driven solutions based on state-of-the-art research





Utilizing newest research for competitive advantages and innovations



Proven track of record with 1000+ successful participants



## Our Clients are Major Players from Various **Industries**















# A Selection of our Past Trainings – Customized Courses for Leading Companies



Digital Modeling Core Course (> 500 participants), Courses on Advanced Topics



Al for Management



Causal Inference Training



Causal Machine Learning



Causal Machine Learning

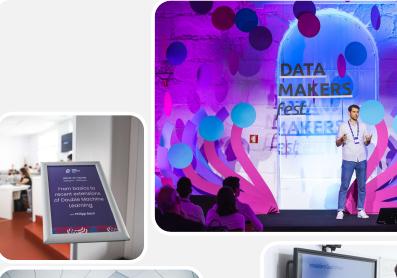


# Causal Inference Training with $MOI\Lambda$

### **Our Trainings and Talks**











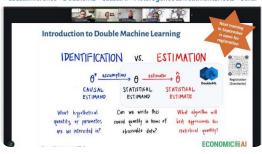


A big thank you to Erick Farias and the entire iFood team for your enthusiastic participation and making these sessions so interactive and engaging! \*

Our team from Economic AI - Martin Spindler, Philipp Bach, Sven Klaassen, and myself – greatly enjoyed guiding the sessions, covering everything from the basics of causal inference to advanced causal machine learning topics like sensitivity analysis and heterogeneous treatment effects.

We're inspired by the commitment to learning and growth shown by everyone involved and truly appreciate your dedication.

#CausalInference #DoubleML #CausalAI #HeterogeneousTreatmentEffects #Sensi





Beginning of April we had a two-day training from Economic AI on the topic of causal inference for our data scientists and analysts at MOIA. A big thank you to Martin Spindler, Philipp Bach and Sven Klaassen who gave the training and did a tremendous job in covering a wide array of topics around causality and causal inference.

The two days were packed with ideas and tools for ...

- ... how to communicate and visualise hypotheses
- www... how to estimate effect sizes
- El ... where classical statistics tools suffice
- ... when and why to use more advanced techniques like DoubleML

All in all two days well spent getting more comfortable with the topic of causality and enabling our data community!





Today we are concluding DMC 6.1 at Novartis, one week of intense learning on Digitalization, (Genearative) Al, Machine Learning, and Causality. Pushing the frontier of #datascience and #digitalfinance at Novartis further.

Thanks to Victor Bultó and John McKenna for enriching the course with management insights and for the open discussions!

Thanks to all participants for their dedication and engagement!

#datascience #digitalfirst #finance #marketing #supplychain #commercial #ai #ma

PS: For the training programme of Economic AI check out the

website: www.economical.com







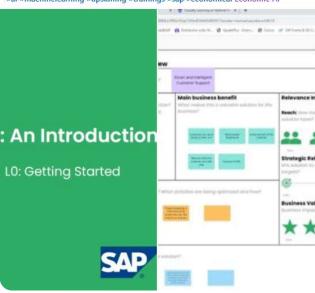
and flexible.

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Professor for Data Science, Statistics and Econometrics, Director at Economic Al

Last Friday and Monday the first edition of our short course "Al: An Introduction" was held at SAP. The goal is to prepare the participants to understand this technology and enable them to develop Al related ideas and evaluate them. Topics covered were Al for prediction, Generative Al, Al for causal inference and Al Ethics & Regulation. Highlight was the ideation workshop where the participants developed a Data Science / Al business idea. The developed ideas were really amazing. Thanks for their great dedication. The participants are well prepared for the 2024 Al year:-) Thanks to Nicole Helmer, Zsuzsanna Polgár, Anderson Santana de Oliveira and Hanna M. making it possible and organizing everything so excellent

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## **Our Approach**







#### **Trainings & Labs**

Half- to five-day trainings
From high-level courses
for top-management to
research-based methods
for data scientists

Tailormade courses adapting to challenges in use cases and industry

#### Workshops

Interactive workshops to discussing use cases and creating solution strategies

Keynote speeches
(Short) presentations at company events

## Design & Inhouse Trainings

Development of curricula & programs for Al literacy, data literacy & data science

Consulting on **inhouse training programs** 





Leading researchers in Data Science, Statistics & Machine Learning, in particular Causal Machine Learning



Teaching experience at top universities and MBA programs around the world (MIT, Hong Kong University, Universität Hamburg)



Unique curricula, covering cutting edge research and methods



"Interactive Labs"



Curricula combine state-of-theart methods with a practical hands-on focus that is relevant in business



Teaching experience at major multinational corporations



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## Overview - Courses for Management, Executives and Board Members

## Al and Machine Learning for Top-Management

#### About the course:

A High-level introduction to Al and Machine Learning

Individual trainings and briefings are available upon request

#### Audience:

Top-Management

#### **Duration:**

½ - 1 day

## Causality for Better Decision Making

#### About the course:

Introduction to Causal Inference for Managers

#### Audience:

Management

#### Duration:

½ - 1 day

## Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence for Managers

#### About the course:

High-level introduction to Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence

#### Audience:

Management

#### Duration:

1 day

#### Impact Evaluation for Managers

#### About the course:

Introduction for managers to impact evaluation

#### Audience:

Management

#### **Duration:**

1 day



#### **Causality for Better Decision Making**

#### Causal Inference for Better Business Decisions

#### Beginner-Level

About the course:

Introduction for managers to the concept of causality to improve business decision- making

Overview of key use cases where causality is crucial 
"Speaking causality" in business problems

Highlights **common pitfalls** of standard data-driven techniques

**Identify misleading insights** and avoid errors

#### What you will learn:



**Key concepts of causality:** Understanding why causality is essential for effective business decisions



**Key Use Cases:** Explore scenarios where understanding causality drives better outcomes



**Causal Inference Methods:** Gain a high-level overview of techniques for identifying causal relationships



**Recognizing Pitfalls:** Identify when correlation-based approaches can be misleading and how to avoid common mistakes

#### Setting:

½ - 1 day

Up to 20 participants

Available for remote or on-site sessions

Skills you will acquire:



Causal Reasoning



Avoidance of Causal Errors



Understanding Causal Inference Methods



Strategic Thinking with Data



## Overview - Courses for Data Scientists & Analysts (technical)

#### Digital Modelling Core Course

#### About the course:

Training of Business Analysts in Machine Learning

#### Audience:

**Business Analysts** 

#### **Duration**:

5 days

#### **Causal Inference**

#### About the course:

Introduction to Causal Inference for Data Scientists and Analysts (Introductory level)

#### Audience:

Data Scientists and Business Analysts

#### **Duration:**

2-4 days

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#### **Optimization**

#### About the course:

State-of-the-art optimization methods for Data Scientists

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More topics and courses available upon request



#### **Digital Modelling Core Course**

## Al for Financial Analysts and Planners & Marketing Analysts

About the course:

**5-day course** for **non-technical** corporate finance professionals

Covers fundamental AI concepts and **AI-based forecasting** 

Equips participants to **collaborate effectively with** data scientists

Theoretical sessions establish a solid **foundation in** core Al methods

Practical sessions showcase **interactive** applications through live coding

#### What you will learn:



**Core Al Techniques:** Gain insights into Al methods essential for business decision-making



**Hands-On Practice:** Apply concepts in a practical sales forecasting case study, no coding experience needed



**Al Models & Coding:** Understand how Al models are built and how coding works, no coding experience needed



**Model Interpretation:** Learn to interpret the outputs from AI models



**Collaborative Skills:** Develop the skills to work confidently with data scientists as a knowledgeable business partner.

#### Setting:

5 days

Up to 25 participants, with a maximum of 5 per group in labs

Available for remote or on-site sessions

Beginner-Level

Skills you will acquire:



Understanding Al Fundamentals



Application
Machine Learning



Al-Based Forecasting



Collaborative Skills



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#### **Causal Machine Learning**

#### Causal AI with DoubleML



#### Advanced-Level

#### About the course:

State-of-the-art training in Causal Machine Learning

The course provides comprehensive theoretical foundation

Practical sessions on real-world applications Learn to identify when Causal Machine Learning is valuable

Hands-on skills for **effective implementation** 

#### What you will learn:



Causality Fundamentals: Understand the importance of causality in business decision-making



**Practical Use Cases:** Identify situations where causality insights drive better outcomes



Causal Inference Methods: Gain an overview of key techniques for determining causal relationships



Avoiding Misleading Insights: Learn to recognize when correlationbased methods fall short and common pitfalls to avoid

#### Setting:

2-4 days

Up to 15 participants

Available for remote or on-site sessions

Skills you will acquire:





Implementation of Causal Machine Learning



Research-Based Approach to Causal Machine Learning



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### Selection of Comments from our Participants





"The labs were a great way to put the concepts from the lectures into action and learn in a "real life" scenario environment."

"It gave me great appreciation for what our data scientist do. I felt the course instructors did a great job providing examples and details to help explain certain concepts."

"Great program, great presenters and lab partners. Lots of fun and learning."

## Thank you very much for your attention



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