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8-day Fall School for PhD and Master Students on:

Model Predictive Control and Reinforcement Learning

7 - 16 October 2026, University of Freiburg, Germany

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Structure: The school spans two weeks. The first week is a free, optional introduction covering prerequisites on optimization and learning, with online materials provided for those who cannot attend. Attendees have the flexibility to join solely for the core second week.

Contents: This comprehensive course covers a range of topics to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed in the field of advanced optimal control and learning. Topics covered include prerequisites on optimization and learning, function approximation, actor-critic methods and techniques for combining MPC and RL. Lectures will be supported with intensive exercise/programming sessions. Participants are encouraged to carry out a project to apply the new concepts in their own field of expertise.

Target audience: For industrial and academic researchers, in particular PhD students in engineering, computer science, mathematics and physics.

Registration: Before August 31st, 2026, until the limit of 60 participants is reached. The registration fee of 400 Euro includes coffee breaks, a welcome reception and a dinner with all participants.

Location: The course takes place in the main university building in the historical city center of Freiburg and the technical faculty of Freiburg.

More information and registration at

<https://www.syscop.de/teaching/ws2026/fall-school-model-predictive-control-and-reinforcement-learning>

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