

## EML Quant Conference 2025

### ***Bridging Academic Research and Industry Practice***

October 10, 2025 | IMU, Indiana University Bloomington

#### **Tentative Program:**

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#### **Friday, October 10, 2025**

**8:30 - 9:30 AM**

**Breakfast & Registration**

**9:30 - 10:00 AM**

**Opening and Introduction**

*Yoosoon Chang, Executive Director, EML Lab*

**Economic Machine Learning Lab**

- Our Foundation: Why We Established EML Lab
- Our Vision: Current Projects and Future Directions

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Quantitative Finance - Practices and Challenges**

*Interactive Session with Q&A from Students*

Each speaker: 15 minutes presentation + 15 minutes Q&A

- Wayne Ferbert, Co-founder & Managing Director, Alpha DNA Investment Management
- Andre Westin, Analyst, BlackRock, Quantitative Due Diligence
- Ken Weakley, Former Director, Investment Workshop, Kelly School of Business
- Sungsoo Yang, Quantitative Analyst/Partner, Empirical Research Partners LLC

**12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**Lunch**

**1:00 - 1:30 PM**

**Quant Analysis in EML Lab**

*Joon Park, Research Director, EML Lab*

**EML Trading Strategies - Introduction & Overview**

- Our Philosophy, Specialty, and Niche
- Summaries of Currently Available EML Strategies

**1:30 - 1:50 PM**

**Finance Background**

*Yoosoon Chang, Executive Director, EML Lab*

**1:50 - 2:50 PM**

**EML Strategies in Practice**

*Joon Park, Soohun Kim (EML Collaborator, KAIST), Haklim Shin (EML Collaborator, iRAM) & EML Student Fellows (Sangmyung Ha, Ralph Fernando)*

- Strategy Details
- Backtesting and Performance Evaluation

**2:50 - 3:00 PM**

**Break**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Industry Commentary on EML Strategies**

*Perspectives and Feedback from Practitioners*

*Moderated Discussion with Yoosoon Chang and Joon Park*

**4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Reception**

*All Participants*

**6:15 PM**

**Conference Dinner** *(Invitation only)*

[Uptown Café](#)

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**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

**Farewell Lunch** *(Invitation only)*

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*Open to IU students, faculty, and invited guests. Lunch and reception RSVP required.*

*This is a tentative program and may be subject to minor adjustments. We look forward to a day of meaningful exchange between academic research and industry practice.*

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