

## Mapping Rumours and Information Diffusion: Research update 29/03/2018

Since the previous research update, my collaborators and I have heard back from the Keynes Fund and I am happy to report that they have generously agreed to fund our proposed research. The project has received funding of £32,685 and the funding period runs until December 31, 2019.

We have already initiated work on this project in several ways. First, we have held meetings with all involved researchers to carefully identify and plan each step of the research process. Second, we have planned to do several sessions to ensure that all involved understand the different aspects of the research. As this is a highly interdisciplinary project, this is an important step as it teaches the economists about the details of machine learning and computational linguistics and teaches the linguists the relevant ideas from economics. We have already held the first session, which focused on computational issues.

Last, we have started training two graduate students who will provide research assistance to the project (the first is a graduate student in economics working on information diffusion and the second is a graduate student in computational linguistics, working on deep learning and artificial intelligence).