



Venice International University
Everything you always wanted to know about becoming a
researcher (but were afraid to ask) –
Transversal Skills for Young Scholars

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September 20-24, 2021

Faculty

- Daniele Archibugi, Italian National Research Council, Italy (Scientific Coordinator)
- John W.M. Creemers, KU Leuven, Belgium (Scientific Coordinator)
- Gregor Dugar, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (Scientific Coordinator)
- Giovanni Abramo, IASI, Italian National Research Council, Italy
- Bregt Van Hoeyveld, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Joeri Wielandts, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Giulia Andrighetto, ISTC, Italian National Research Council, Italy & Malardalens University, Sweden.
- Alessandra Fornetti, VIU TEN Program on Sustainability, Italy
- Ilda Mannino, VIU TEN Program on Sustainability, Italy

Program

Monday, September 20, 2021

Day 1 – How to enter into the Academic community: Individual Development, Research Topic and Mentorship

9.00-9.15	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>
9.15-9.30	Opening and Introduction
9.30-11.30	General overview by the Faculty Members: - Purpose of the PhD Academy - Program and activities - Myself in 3 minutes: students' presentations assessing their comparative skills
11.30-12.45	Keynote speech: John Creemers, KU Leuven Why it's good to have an Individual Development Plan and how to get the most out of it who

Lunch

14.00-15.00	Keynote speech: Gregor Dugar, University of Ljubljana Choosing a research topic
15.00-16.00	Keynote speech: Daniele Archibugi, Italian National Research Council Choosing your mentor
16.00-17.30	Exercise Self-assessment: Your Individual Development Plan, your comparative skills, your topic and of your Mentors
21.30-23.30	Film Club (Optional) I Can Quit Whenever I Want, 2014, by Sydney Sibilia

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Day 2 – The Academic community: Colleagues and jobs

9.30-10.30	Faculty Members How to identify your professional community: Academic conferences, visible and invisible colleges and influential thinkers
10.30-12.30	Team work Students will be asked to map their professional community and an open discussion will follow
Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Faculty Members Applying for an academic position: Motivation, CV and reference letters
15.00-17.00	Exercise On the ground of their CV, students will be asked to draft their own motivation and reference letters, followed by open discussion
17.00-18.00	Exercise Students Presentations: The Ph.D. topic in 180 seconds – Group I
21.30-23.30	Film Club (Optional) Your Whole Life Ahead of You, 2008, by Paolo Virzì

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Day 3 – Publishing your work

9.30-10.30	Faculty Members How to get your articles published: Authors, editors and referees
10.30-12.00	Exercise Journal editors, referees, etiquette
12.00-12.30	Faculty Members The plague of plagiarism in the Internet society
Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Keynote speech: Giovanni Abramo, Acting Director, IASI-CNR How your research performance will be assessed
15.00-17.00	Exercise Usage and abuse of evaluative scientometrics
17.00-18.00	Exercise Students Presentations: The Ph.D. topic in 180 seconds – Group II
19:30	<i>Social Dinner in Venice</i>

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Day 4 – Communicating research outcome to the press and the public opinion



9.30-10.30	Ilda Mannino and Alessandra Fornetti, VIU How to communicate your research to the general public
10.30-11.15	Exercise How to communicate your research to the general public
11.15-12.15	Bregt Van Hoeyveld, KU Leuven How to write a press release about your research
12.15-13.00	Exercise Students should write a press release about their own research discussed

Lunch

14.00-15.00	Bregt Van Hoeyveld, KU Leuven A 120 second TV interview – Tips and trips
15.00-17.00	Exercise Play it again! Exercises to a successful TV interview
17.00-18.00	Exercise Students Presentations: The Ph.D. topic in 180 seconds – Group III

21.30-23.30	Film Club (Optional) Oleanna, 1994, by David Mamet
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Friday September 24, 2021

Day 5 – How to survive in academia

9.30-11.00	Faculty Team with Giulia Andrighetto Presenting a research project: how to read the call and how to apply
11.00-12.30	Exercise From the idea to the project presentation

Lunch

14.00-15.30	Joeri Wielandts, KU Leuven How to cope with stress and build resilience in academia
15.30-17.30	Exercise Making your own action plan to reduce stress and build resilience

21.30-23.30	Film Club (Optional) Higher Learning, 1995, by John Singleton
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