



Venice International University Improving Research Practice and Transversal Skills for Young Scholars

Venice International University

September 11-15, 2023

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Program

Monday, September 11, 2023 Day 1 – How to Enter Into the Academic Community: Individual Development, Research Topic and Mentorship

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

| 14.00-15.00 | Keynote speech: Gregor Dugar, University of Ljubljana | |
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| | Job Interview: how to prepare and tackle the tricky questions | |
| 15.00-16.00 | Keynote speech: Daniele Archibugi, CNR | |
| | Choosing your mentor | |
| | Exercise | |
| 16.00-17.30 | Self-assessment: Your Individual Development Plan, your | |
| | comparative skills, your topic and of your Mentors | |

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| 21.30-23.30 | Film Club (Optional) |
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| | I Can Quit Whenever I Want, 2014, by Sydney Sibilia |

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Day 2 – The Academic Community: Colleagues and Jobs

| Daniele Archibugi and Mario Paolucci, CNR |
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| How to identify your professional community: Academic |
| conferences, visible and invisible colleges and influential thinkers |
| Coffee break |
| Team work |
| Students will be asked to map their professional community and |
| an open discussion will follow |
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Lunch

| 14.00-15.00 | Daniele Archibugi, CNR, John Creemers, KU Leuven, and Gregor Dugar, University of Ljubljana Applying for an academic position: Motivation, CV and reference letters |
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| 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) |
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| | Your Whole Life Ahead of You, 2008, by Paolo Virzì |

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Day 3 – Publishing your Work

| 9.30-10.30 | Keynote speech: Daniele Archibugi and Mario Paolucci, CNR | |
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| | How to get your articles published: Authors, editors and referees | |
| 10.30-10.45 | Coffee break | |
| 10.45-12.15 | Exercise | |
| | Journal editors, referees, etiquette | |
| 12.15-12.45 | John Creemers, KU Leuven | |
| | The plague of plagiarism in the era of artificial intelligence | |
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Lunch

| 14.00-15.00 | Mario Paolucci, CNR |
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| | How your research performance will be assessed |
| 15.00-17.00 | Exercise |
| | Usage and abusage of evaluative scientometrics |
| 17.00-18.00 | Exercise |
| | Students Presentations: The Ph.D. topic in 180 seconds – Group II |



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Thursday, September 14, 2023

Day 4 – Communicating Research Outcome to the Press and the Public Opinion

| 9.30-10.30 | Ilda Mannino and Alessandra Fornetti, VIU |
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| | How to communicate your research to the general public |
| 10.30-10.45 | Coffee break |
| 10.45-11.30 | Exercise |
| | How to communicate your research to the general public |
| 11.30-12.30 | Nena Testelmans, KU Leuven |
| | How to write a press release about your research |
| 12.30-13.15 | Exercise |
| | Students should write a press release about their own research |
| | discussed |

Lunch

| 14.00-15.00 | Nena Testelmans, KU Leuven |
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| | 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) |
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| | Oleanna, 1994, by David Mamet |

Friday September 15, 2023

Day 5 – How to Survive in Academia

| 9.30-11.00 | Keynote speech: Giulia Andrighetto, CNR Presenting a research project: how to read the call and how to apply |
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| 11.00-11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15-12.45 | Exercise From the idea to the project presentation |

Lunch

| 14.00-15.30 | Joeri Wielandts, KU Leuven |
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| | 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) |
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| | Higher Learning, 1995, by John Singleton |