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EUROPEAN DOCTORAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

Virtual

🕐 June 19–23

Sustainability in research, career and leadership

As researchers we define problems, offer interpretations and find solutions. Inspired by the world around us and how we see and experience it we create pathways through the unknown and identify new ways of operating. Recognising that there are limitations on resources - physical, geographic, cultural, social and economic the theme for the 2023 European Doctoral Summer School is sustainability. Open to doctoral researchers from all disciplines at the universities of Muenster, Maastricht and York we invite you to come together to consider how you can build sustainability for your research, your career and your leadership. We will be providing provocation and opportunities to work together in groups.

June 19-23, 2023

Online

Doctoral candidates

Registrations begin: 19 April at 19:00 (CET)
Registration deadline: 31 May at 09:00 (CET)
Cancellation deadline: 05 June

METHODS & CERTIFICATES

Methods:

All sessions will be **online** and last **2.5-3 hours** each - with breaks! They will be highly interactive and enable you to make connections with fellow researchers from across the three universities. You will also be invited to take advantage of additional study time in the afternoons. Please note there will be up to 30 mins reading and signposting to be given to everyone as part of the session.

Certificates:

Level 1: Sustainable Research Doctoral Scholar Certificate

Attend **all sessions** and demonstrate your understanding and learning in a short **presentation** (5min) on the morning of Friday 23rd June.

Level 2: Certificate of Attendance

Fully attend one or more sessions.

EVENT PROGRAMME

Monday, June 19

10:00 – 13:00
(CET)   **Sustainable Leadership**

Tuesday, June 20

10:00 – 13:00
(CET)   **How to Build a Sustainable Career**

Wednesday, June 21

10:00 – 13:00
(CET)   **Systems Thinking**

Thursday, June 22

10:00 – 13:00
(CET)   **Sustaining and Engaging Public Interest in Research**

Friday, June 23

10:00 (CET)   **Presentation Showcase**

SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP

45 participants
(15 per university)

Doctoral candidates

Dr. Iva Ognjanovic, Dr. Jan Schmidt (Münster)

This session will show you how a team of doctoral researchers can function well in an ever-changing environment, even without a hierarchy. Imagine having a (doctoral) supervisor that lacks up-to-date expertise, that is uninvolved or absent. You might feel quite insecure, being left on your own, or frustrated at having to carry a burden of total responsibility for your work. Adopting a sustainable, shared leadership style as a leadership approach can help you to pass through such hindrances and gain access to knowledge and other resources that you need.

Outcomes:

★ You will know the difference between classical and shared leadership and understand why it is necessary in today's rapidly changing world

★ You will understand preconditions for implementing shared leadership

★ You will know how to identify and assign team roles depending on the context

register here!

SUSTAINABLE CAREERS

Tuesday, June 20, 10:00 - 13:00 (CET)

45 participants
(15 per university)

Doctoral candidates

Dr Francina Clayton, Dr Taryn Bell (York)

A sustainable career adapts and evolves with you over the course of your working life. It is key to ensuring you are happy, healthy and fulfilled in your chosen profession. Building a sustainable career involves developing an awareness of your interests, strengths and values and making best use of your skills and experience.

This interactive session will invite you to discover your unique 'career vision': who you are, where you want to go and what you will need to get there. Whether you are currently planning an academic career, or are open to other possibilities, this workshop will help you to clarify your vision and use it to make professional decisions moving forward.

Outcomes:

★ You will form a 'career vision' by identifying your unique set of skills and knowledge, your personal values and the impact you would like to have in the world

★ You will consider how you will differentiate yourself from others to maximise your influence

★ You will gain practical advice on how your 'career vision' can be used to focus your time and energy on a daily basis

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SYSTEMS THINKING

45 participants
(15 per university)

Doctoral candidates

Dr Ceren Pekdemir (Maastricht)

Sustainability issues are often complex and finding solutions may be a daunting task. How can we understand issues in their full complexity? Systems thinking is an academic approach that fosters an understanding of how to look at the connected wholes instead of separate parts. It is considered a crucial competency for those who want to contribute to sustainable change. In this introductory workshop, participants will get acquainted with the main concepts of systems thinking, and understand how elements or parts of a system can be interconnected or feed back into each other.

Outcomes:

★ You will get acquainted with main concepts of systems thinking

★ You will understand the basics of a systems diagram

★ You will experience systems thinking through exercises and reflection

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SUSTAINING AND ENGAGING PUBLIC INTEREST IN RESEARCH

Thursday, June 22, 10:00 – 13:00 (CET)

45 participants
(15 per university)

Doctoral candidates

Dr Karen Clegg, Dr Dominika Butler (York)

Doing great research is one thing, communicating the importance of it to non-specialists is quite another. Being able to clearly and concisely articulate what your research (or any project) is about and why anyone should care about it is an important skill. Engaging and sustaining public interest in your research requires careful planning, consideration and focus on the mutual goals.
To make sure your key messages are clear, we will explore a range of methods for enhancing your skills to successfully engage the public and will look at practical examples of how to inspire, inform and engage interest.

Outcomes:

★ You will explore what effective public engagement and communication of research looks like

★ You will develop and practise ways of inspiring an audience

★ You will identify the value of sustaining a public profile and the impact of public engagement

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PRESENTATION SHOWCASE

Give a 5-minute presentation **on one** of the topics below. Each presentation is followed by a 10-minute feedback round.

1- Developing a Sustainable Career
This is to be a personal reflection and include an overview of what you've learnt about your own values, broader skills, a Professional Development Plan (PDP) and actions to develop your career. **Key learning outcome:** an action plan that you can revisit

2- Sustainable Leadership
A personal reflection on the implementation of the shared leadership approach in your current research environment. This includes an overview of advantages of implementation, obstacles and the team role that you would take on.
Key learning outcome: an action plan that you can revisit

3- Making Research Sustainable
A presentation for a lay audience of the potential impact of your research in contributing to a sustainable future.
Key learning outcome: a presentation (recorded on video) that you can use to support your research profile on social media/web etc

4- Developing a Sustainable Research Culture
A presentation/pitch for your peers and senior managers at your institution.
Key learning outcome: a cost neutral proposal to enhance research culture for early career researchers that can be submitted to your graduate school and institution for consideration.

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Please note that **ALL inquiries concerning your registration** should be sent to the **University of Muenster**, regardless of your host institution.
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