

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023: FEATURE YOUR FUTURE

PROGRAMME



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Preface

Future thinking competence, or why we all need to think like entrepreneurs in the future.

The three-day digital, international Summer School is a learning, reflecting and networking event for advanced master's students and doctoral candidates from three higher education institutions: University of Glasgow, KU Leuven and Leuphana University Lüneburg.

The Summer School is dedicated to the topic of academic career development with a focus on futures thinking. We want to address the importance of futures thinking and strategic career planning at an early stage and to develop interdisciplinary competences in addition to specialist ones - regardless of whether you want to work in the academic or non-academic field.

Feature Your Future 2023 at a glance



12-14 July, 2023



Digital



Advanced master's students and doctoral candidates



Apply by 31 March 2023, not later than 11:59 pm CEST / 10:59 pm BST.



Event Programme

Wednesday, 12nd July 2023 Introduction into futures (thinking)	Thursday, 13rd July 2023 Futures (thinking) in practice	Friday, 14th July 2023 Connecting futures (thinking) to academic careers
10 to 10.25 am CEST 9 to 9.25 am BST Welcome Session	10 to 10.25 am CEST 9 to 9.25 am BST Warm-up	10 to 10.15 am CEST 9 to 9.15 am BST Warm-up
10.30 to 11.15 am CEST 9.30 to 10.15 am BST Keynote I	10.30 to 11.15 am CEST 9.30 to 10.15 am BST Keynote II	10.20 to 11.05 am CEST 9.20 to 10.05 am BST Keynote III
11.30 am to 12.30 pm CEST 10.30 to 11.30 am BST Ignite Talks Group A Group B	11.30 am to 12.45 pm CEST 10.30 to 11.45 am BST Ignite Talks Group C Group D	11.30 am to 12.30 pm CEST 10.30 to 11.30 am BST Ignite Talks Group E Group F
12.30 to 2 pm CEST 11.30 am to 1 pm BST Lunch Break	12.45 to 2 pm CEST 11.45 am to 1 pm BST Lunch Break	12.30 to 2 pm CEST 11.30 am to 1 pm BST Lunch Break
2 to 6 pm CEST 1 to 5 pm BST Workshop I Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies	2 to 6 pm CEST 1 pm to 5 pm BST Workshop II University of Glasgow or KU Leuven	2 to 6 pm CEST 1 to 5 pm BST Workshop III Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies
7 to 8 pm CEST 6 to 7 pm BST Science Pub Quiz or Career Talk		6.30 to 7.30 am CEST 5.30 to 6.30 am BST Closing session



Ice-Breaking Event

Wednesday, 24 May 2023

 3:00 to 7:00 pm CEST / 2:00 to 6:00 pm BST

 online

To foster participation and commitment for the Summer School, you and the other participants will meet digitally in advance.

During this event, you will be encouraged to get to know each other, get familiar with the digital teaching and learning environment, present your expectations regarding the Summer School, collaborate on a code of conduct to create a welcoming and non-judging atmosphere during the Summer School, and you will be informed about how to prepare the ignite talks and the final programme of the Summer School. Finally, a technical check-up will be carried out.



Welcome Session

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

 10:00 - 10:25 am CEST / 9:00 - 9:25 am BST

On the first day of the Summer School, the participants will be welcomed by Leuphana University's president, Professor (HSG) Sascha Spoun and partner institutions representatives (tba) as well as by Leuphana University's Vice President of the Graduate School, Academic Qualification and Teacher Education, Professor Simone Abels.



Keynotes Overview

Keynote I Wednesday, 12 July 2023

 10:30 - 11:15 am CEST / 9:30 - 10:15 am BST

Academic Work and Careers in Europe: Trends, Challenges, Perspectives

Professor Dr Tatiana Fumasoli

Associate Professor in Higher Education Studies, University College London (UK)

Keynote II Thursday, 13 July 2023

 10:30 - 11:15 am CEST / 9:30 - 10:15 am BST

Drawing your own map: adding value to your PhD

Dr Kay Guccione

Head of Research Culture and Researcher Development, University of Glasgow (UK)

Keynote III Friday, 14 July 2023

 10:20 - 11:05 am CEST / 9:20 - 10:05 am BST

feature YOUR future: Gaining a realistic view on what might come

Professor Dr Laura Venz

Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, Leuphana University of Lüneburg



Keynote I

Re-imagining academic and research careers in the “Knowledge society”: the role of universities

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

 10:30 - 11:15 am CEST / 9:30 - 10:15 am BST

Professor Dr Tatiana Fumasoli

Associate Professor in Higher Education Studies, University College London (UK)



SUMMARY

The scholarship on doctoral education and researcher development reflects broader societal transformations, such as the emergence of the “knowledge society”, globalisation and internationalisation, marketisation. It also reflects the pressures that universities experience due to the increasing number of students and their heterogeneity. In parallel, university role in knowledge production is being challenged by several stakeholders through demands of impact beyond academia. Against this backdrop, doctoral education and researcher development are being questioned on their purposes, organisation, pedagogical and learning experience, effective preparation of highly skilled workforce, partnerships with other societal sectors, and digital transformations. Finally, there is an emerging focus on widening participation as universities are called to reflect the societies in which they are embedded improving gender balance, work-family balance and welcoming a diversified student and staff body.

AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION, PARTICIPANTS WILL KNOW:

- the current challenges of researcher development and academic careers
- how universities are reorganising the training of future academics and researchers
- how to critically apply this knowledge to specific national and institutional cases



Keynote II

Drawing your own map: adding value to your PhD

Thursday, 13 July 2023

 10:30 - 11:15 am CEST / 9:30 - 10:15 am BST

Dr Kay Guccione

Head of Research Culture and Researcher Development, University of Glasgow (UK)



SUMMARY

Drawing on Kay's 13 years of working closely with PhD researchers to understand their journeys through and beyond their doctorate, this keynote session will shine a light on the hidden side of doctoral learning.

We will take a close look at where feelings of disorientation, and uncertainty arise from, and discuss practical strategies for overcoming these challenges, and adding value to your doctorate by accessing networks, knowledge and conversations.

You will have the opportunity to consider your own version of 'career success' and think about ways to achieve it.

DURING THIS SESSION YOU WILL:

- Learn how to better navigate the PhD process
- Consider what you value, and how to find it within the PhD
- Develop your own vision for success in a research career



Keynote III

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 10:20 - 11:05 am CEST / 9:20 - 10:05 am BST

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SUMMARY

The world is constantly changing and with it is academia: Digital transformation, sustainability needs, and demographic and value change, amongst others, transform the way we work, research, and study (together).

Although there is much reason for excitement about your academic future, there is also a need for a realistic outlook on your own strengths, development potentials, and – yes – also weaknesses as well as on potential challenges the future might bring. Providing room for reflection, this keynote will provide insights into the requirements, both self and other set, for academics in an international working environment of the future.

LEARNING GOALS

- Self reflection
- Self awareness
- Self leadership skills



Workshops Overview

WORKSHOPS I & III

Wednesday, 12 July 2023 &

🕒 2:00 - 6:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 5:00 pm BST &

Friday, 14 July 2023

🕒 2:00 - 6:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 5:00 pm BST

Eight-hour Workshop by the Copenhagen Institute of Futures Studies on Exploring Scenarios for the Future of Universities

- Using the future through applied strategic foresight and futures thinking
- Exploring dynamics of change
- Understanding strategic uncertainty
- Building futures scenarios
- Connecting foresight to strategic purpose
- Be inspired to inspire change

WORKSHOPS II (Your choice!)

Thursday, 13 July 2023

🕒 2:00 - 4:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 3:00 pm BST

Two four hour workshops organized by the partner universities University of Glasgow and KU Leuven:

University of Glasgow
INNOVATING THE FUTURE: USING THE DESIGN THINKING MODEL

KU Leuven
BUILDING A JOINT THEORY OF CHANGE



Workshop I



USING THE FUTURE I

Exploring Scenarios for the Future of Universities

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

 2:00 - 6:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 5:00 pm BST

This workshop will be split into two coherent parts. This is the first part of the workshop.

SUMMARY

Futures thinking and foresight are essential if we are to act effectively in a world where many factors come together in complex ways to create surprising futures. We need to be able to question current assumptions about the future and think through alternative futures in a structured and systematic way. This program is an inspiring introduction to the practice of strategic foresight and on how to apply practical tools from the foresight toolbox to co-create alternative futures scenarios for the future of universities. The program will also give you the opportunity to cultivate your “futures mindset” and increase awareness of how our understanding of the future guides decisions today.

LECTURER

The lecturers will bring their knowledge and expertise from working daily with strategic foresight and futures-oriented issues at the Copenhagen Institute For Futures Studies.



Workshops II



BUILDING A JOINT THEORY OF CHANGE

Thursday, 13 July 2023

🕒 2:00 - 6:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 6:00 pm BST

SUMMARY

When addressing a wicked problem such as climate change, war, pandemic preparedness, a transdisciplinary approach is needed. Researchers from different disciplines work together and with societal stakeholders. This diversity is a driver for innovation, and allows to appreciate different points of view and work with different mental models. Inclusive methods work with differences in values and opinion to make the targeted change last. To build a joint vision for the future and aim for impact, it is good to go through a joint theory of change exercise. We will work in diverse teams towards a joint theory of change.

LEARNING GOALS

- Acquire the skill of active listening in an empathic environment
- Appreciate personal and group reflection
- Briefly touch upon the concepts of futures thinking, systems thinking, strategic thinking

LECTURER

Prof Dr Anne-Mieke Vandamme. Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Transplantation.



Workshop II



INNOVATING THE FUTURE: USING THE DESIGN THINKING MODEL

Thursday, 13 July 2023

🕒 2:00 - 6:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 6:00 pm BST

SUMMARY

Design thinking is a tool for creative problem solving. Widely used in industry, it has a lot to offer in the academic space for researchers delivering great work. Design thinking is a human-centred model for implementing new ideas that meet need. This practical workshop starts from the principle that creativity is a skill that can be fostered through helpful tools and frameworks. We will work through the 'four Ds' (Discover Define Develop Deliver) of design thinking using quick-paced activities that show how to seed ideas, turn them into definitions, pilot to manage risk, and deliver your creative vision.

LECTURER



Dr Joanna Royle. Researcher Development Manager.
University of Glasgow.



Workshop III



USING THE FUTURE II

Exploring Scenarios for the Future of Universities

Friday, 14 July 2023

 2:00 - 6:00 pm CEST / 1:00 - 5:00 pm BST

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Ignite Talks

GROUPS A AND B

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

🕒 11:30 am - 12:30 pm CEST / 10:30 - 11:30 am BST

GROUPS C AND D

Thursday, 13 July 2023

🕒 11:30 am - 12:45 pm CEST / 10:30 - 11:45 am BST

GROUPS E AND F

Friday, 14 July 2023

🕒 11:30 am - 12:30 pm CEST / 10:30 - 11:30 am BST

What is an ignite talk?

Storytelling about your academic career ideas and research narratives

- Each participant prepares a five-minute presentation (20 slide, each presented for 15 seconds) on their career narrative
- The participants are randomly assigned to groups and will present their talks to the participants in one of the ignite talk sessions
- Listing participants will give feedback to the presentations



Warm up and Closing Sessions

WARM-UP

Thursday, 13 July 2023 🕒 10:30 - 11:15 am CEST / 9:30 - 10:15 am BST

On day 2 and day 3, time is dedicated for reflection on learning outcomes and action plans for strategic career development

Friday, 14 July 2023 🕒 10:00 - 10:15 am CEST/ 9:00 - 9:15 am BST

On day 3, a special focus is given to individual reflection on action plans for career ideas (Wrap-up)



CLOSING SESSION

Friday, 14 July 2023 🕒 6:30 – 7:30 pm CEST / 5:30 – 6:30 pm BST

The reflection sessions at the end of the conference will be guided by two coaches from the Leuphana Graduate School Team.





Social Events – It is your choice

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

 7:00 - 8:00 pm CEST / 6:00 - 7:00 BST

INFORMAL DIGITAL SCIENCE PUB QUIZ (optional)

Participants will get to know each other in an **informal digital pub quiz** where a professional team from pub quiz providers will make the participants think and laugh.

CAREER TALK (optional)

Participants will meet senior academics from various academic fields and disciplines at an **informal career talk** to discuss their personal international career experiences inside and outside academia. Participants will meet in a relaxed “fireplace-like”-atmosphere.



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Please note that ALL inquires concerning your registration should be sent to the Leuphana University Lüneburg, regardless of your host institution.

Inquires and questions:
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Application starts on March 1st 2023 on
leuphana.de/featureyourfuture