



Speed Workshop

The Landscape of Post-PhD Career Tracks






SYLLABUS

There is a growing disparity between the number of new PhD graduates and available faculty positions — effectively, most of the PhD graduates need to find jobs outside academia. The good news is: you have a lot of skills unique to the academics, and very useful on the open job market. You also have a lot of options outside academia! This workshop covers the following modules:

- 1. On the right and the wrong reasons to leave academia.** How to make sure that your motivation will lead to satisfaction from professional life in industry?
- 2. The landscape of post-PhD careers. Safety or freedom?** On the biggest dilemma that you need to face while leaving academia.
- 3. Which tribe should I join?** On the eight tribes that PhDs often choose, and the compromises you need to take in each one of them.
- 4. How to sneak in?** On the efficient strategies to land the job in each of the tribes.

The workshop is interactive and contains polls, quizzes, and open discussion. We debunk certain myths related to the job market in this workshop! The goal is to give the participants the information and confidence so that they can reflect on various possibilities and take the first steps towards finding their dream job in industry.

AGENDA

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| 20 minutes |  | On the right and the wrong reasons to leave academia |
| 20 minutes |  | The landscape of post-PhD careers. Safety or freedom? |
| 60 minutes |  | Which tribe should I join? |
| 20 minutes |  | How to sneak in? |
| 30 minutes* |  | Q&A |

* The Q&A session can also be contained within the 120-minute workshop if the client prefers.

THE COACH

Natalia Bielczyk, PhD

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- Founder, Director & Chairperson @ Stichting Solaris Onderzoek en Ontwikkeling, Nijmegen, the Netherlands

Dr. Natalia Bielczyk is a researcher with a background in Medical Physics, Applied Mathematics, Psychology (3 x MS), and Computational Neuroscience (PhD).

In 2017-2019, she was working as a Career Development & Mentoring Manager in the Organization for Human Brain Mapping Student & Postdoc Special Interest Group. She was coordinating the OHBM International Online Mentoring Program and organizing international symposia dedicated to mentoring and career development.

In 2018, she established Stichting Solaris Onderzoek en Ontwikkeling, an international non-profit organization with ANBI status which helps researchers in transfers to industry. Natalia also has developed a broad personal network in industry. She also authored the book "What Is out There For Me? The Landscape of Post-PhD Career Tracks" listed on Amazon, she runs a YouTube channel dedicated to post-PhD careers, and she blogs about careers in general. Even though she chose to work in the open market, she is still a researcher in her free time and has a strong belief in the compatibility of science and entrepreneurship.



THE RATES

Version / # Participants	Small groups (<= 12 participants)	Large groups (> 12 participants)
Online	€345 (+ 21% VAT)	€295 (+ 21% VAT)
On-site (within the Netherlands)	€345 (+ 21% VAT) + travel costs reimbursement	€295 (+ 21% VAT) + travel costs reimbursement