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Workshop on Successful Academic Career & Funding

24 and 25 April 2025
University of Neuchâtel

Limited places, register [here](#) before 4 April 2025



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This workshop is organized by the nccr – on the move. It is tailored for PostDocs and advanced PhD students, but we welcome all members of the NCCR community and doctoral students enrolled in a CUSO program to join us.

General Description

The two-day workshop is designed for PostDocs and advanced PhD students who are planning to pursue an academic career. It provides key insights into securing research funding and developing a strategic career path. The first day, taking place in presence at the University of Neuchâtel, will focus on funding opportunities. In the morning, participants will receive an overview of key funding schemes offered by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), as well as relevant European funding programs. In the afternoon, an interactive session with successful applicants of Ambizione and Postdoc Mobility will offer practical advice and firsthand experiences. The second day will be an online workshop on “Successful Academic Careers”, guiding participants in developing their individual action plans for a career in academia.

About the Speakers

Luc Gauthier has over 10 years of field work. From 2005 to 2012, he has been research coordinator at the Sociology Department of UniGE. Since 2012, he is research advisor at the University of Neuchâtel’s Grants Office, where he offers support in planning and implementing research projects, both nationally and internationally.

Dina Bader is an independent scholar and sociology teacher in secondary schools in Geneva. She holds a PhD in social sciences from the University of Lausanne, for which she received the 2019 Faculty Prize for “Gender – Equality between women and men.” Previously, she served as Project Manager and Lecturer at the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) at the University of Neuchâtel. She was also a Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar, supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation, in the Department of Sociology at New York University (2019–2021).

Carolin Fischer is a lecturer in Social Work at Bern University of Applied Sciences. She recently completed a project entitled *Violent Safe Havens? Exploring Articulations and Repercussions of Violence in Refugee Reception and Settlement*, which was funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. From 2014 – 2019, Carolin was post-doctoral researcher at the University of Neuchâtel as part of the nccr – on the move. In addition, she led an international research project entitled *Engendering migration, development and belonging: The experiences of recently arrived Afghans in Europe*, funded by the Swiss Network of International Studies. Carolin holds a DPhil (PhD) in Development Studies from the University of Oxford and a diploma degree in

Sociology from Bielefeld University, Germany. Her recent work has been published in Antipode, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Global Networks, Identities and Migration Studies.

Susanne Matuschek has 22 years of experience in the topics of career development and research funding with focus on Early Stage Career Researchers. Over 8 years at the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Program Manager of the Marie Heim-Vögtlin Grants and EURYI Awards. Chair of European Working Groups on «Conditions of a Research Career in Europe». Since 2010 active in her own company MATUSCHEK CONSULTING.

Practical Information

The workshop takes place in presence on Thursday 24 April at the University of Neuchâtel, Av. Abram-Louis Breguet 2, 2000 Neuchâtel, room 2.310 and online on Friday 25 April 2025. Please register through this [link](#) no later than 4 April 2025. Participants in the second day of the workshop are invited to send their CV and their most important question to the topic. A link will be sent to registered participants. Applications by members of the nccr – on the move will be prioritized, and registrations will be treated on a first come first served basis. Lunch on Thursday is included for all the participants, and travel expenses to and from Neuchâtel will be reimbursed for members of the nccr – on the move. If you have further questions, please contact Robin Stünzi via email at robin.stunzi@unine.ch.

Timetable

24 April, University of Neuchâtel: Funding Opportunities

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| 10:30 - 12:30 | Overview of Key Funding Schemes
Luc Gauthier, University of Neuchâtel |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30 - 16:30 | Interactive Session with Successful Applicants
Dina Bader, DIP Geneva, PostDoc Mobility
Carolin Fischer, BFH, AMBIZIONE |

25 April, online: Successful Academic Career

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| 10:00 - 16:00 | Key Elements of a Successful Academic Career
Susanne Matuschek |
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