

## Selected topics on PhD and research

### Aix- Marseille School of Economics

#### Interdisciplinary and professionalizing course **(12h)**

October 11, 2022. (MEGA-Aix)	<b>From 1:30 to 5:30</b>
October 18, 2022. (IBD, room 17)	<b>From 1:30 to 5:30</b>
October 25, 2022. (MEGA-Aix)	<b>From 1:30 to 3:30</b>
February 07, 2023. (IBD, room 17)	<b>From 1:30 to 3:30</b>

Tuesday, February 07, 2023. **From 1:30 to 5:30**

## 1. Course description

This professionalizing course is intended to provide PhD students with knowledge about the various dimensions of a researcher's life. This course aims to use the faculty's wide experience to provide PhD students with valuable tips on the dos and don'ts of the profession. In each session, senior faculty will share their personal experience and participate in discussions with PhD students on specific topics, among which presenting at conferences strategies, co-authorship, how to write a paper, data handling, and various tools to conduct research.

## 2. Format

The course will be held in sessions of up to 1.5 hours. Each session will be a seminar-style discussion and will take place at the MEGA. The requirements to get the credits for this course consists of attendance and active participation in every session. This course prioritizes first- and second-year PhD candidates, but it will be open as well to all PhD candidates.

## 3. Outline and learning outcomes

- **Sebastian Bervoets:** "*Things I wish I knew before starting my PhD*"

This session discusses unexpected challenges during the PhD and provides personal experiences on how to tackle them.

- **Avner Seror:** "*Co-authorship and collaboration*"

Collaboration can be a great way of developing research ideas, exploiting comparative advantages, and writing a paper. However, choosing the wrong collaborator for you can also lead to conflict and delays in writing a paper. We discuss how to best manage this important subject of academic life. We also briefly discuss what to keep in mind when you collaborate with someone on your job market paper.

- **Renaud Boulès:** "*Writing skills*"

Writing an interesting and concise paper is one of the greatest challenges in academia. In this session, we discuss some important rules to follow to improve your paper writing skills in academia.

- **Yann Bramoullé:** "*Publications*"

Publishing in economics journals is a long and not always easy process. This session discusses how publishing in economics works, what to expect from rejections and resubmissions, how to deal with reviewers, and how best to select journals.

- **Timothée Demont:** "*Presenting at conferences and networking*"

Conferences can be a way to disseminate your ideas, receive valuable feedback, and exchange with people working on related topics. These might be potential future referees or employers. This course discusses the appropriate way of presenting yourself and the paper as well as what to expect at social events.

- **Eva Raiber:** "*Experiments*"

This session discusses how you develop ideas to be tested in the field or in the lab, how to prepare to run them, and the key challenges of running a field/lab experiment. The course will also briefly tackle related issues like pre-registration, funding, budget constraints, etc.

- **Romain Ferrali:** "*The academic and non-academic job market*"

Knowing what type of job you want and how to best prepare for it during a PhD is not always trivial. This session discusses the feature of both the academic and non-academic job market. It gives insights into how to best prepare for it and what skills should be developed during the PhD.

- **Marc Sangnier:** "*You and your supervisor*"

This session discusses how to best interact and collaborate with your supervisor. It discusses the role of the supervisor and efficient ways to discuss your progress, failures, and development throughout the PhD. The course will also tackle the issue of how best to handle disagreements between you and your supervisor.

