

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOFT SKILLS IN PROFESSIONAL LIFE



30 NOVEMBER 2021 •
10.00 - 17.15 PM
HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM





EVENT PROGRAM

10:00 - 10:45

Presentation and ice breaking activities

- **Lucia Salto** – Career Development facilitator for PhDs, University of Torino/UniTo
- **Danilo Lombardi** - PhD help desk UniTo, University of Torino

Lucia Salto, an introduction to soft skills: definition and outcomes of soft skills development

10:45 - 11:15

Career paths for PhDs: from Academia to Project Management

- **Irene Liverani**, PhD in Classical Studies - Founder and managing director of EU CORE Consulting

Q&A session. Moderators: **Lucia Salto and Danilo Lombardi**

11:15 - 11:30 Virtual coffee break

11:30 - 11:50 Lucia Salto, A focus on transferable/professional skills developed in doctoral training

11:50 - 12:30 Career paths for PhDs: from Academia to Pharma Industries

- **Luca Arista**, PhD in Chemical Sciences

Q&A session. Moderators: **Lucia Salto and Danilo Lombardi**



EVENT PROGRAM

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 14:30

- **Lucia Salto**, Transferring your transferable skills
- Career paths for PhDs: from Academia to IT Project Management
Mattia Pujia, PhD in Mathematics, IT Project Manager @ Intesa

Sanpaolo

Q&A session

14:30 - 15:30

- **Lucia Salto**, Transferring your transferable skills and how to improve and develop your soft skills
- Discussion

15.30-16.30

virtual coffee break

16.30- 17.15

- Career paths for PhDs: from Academia to the European Court of Human Rights
Roberto Chenal, PhD in Huma Rights
Q&A session

Moderator: **Svetlana Dimitrova**, Euraxess

Final discussion and conclusion



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Irene Liverani, PhD

Founder and managing director of EU CORE Consulting

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PhD Classical studies, has worked from 1999 to 2003 as University lecturer, teacher and editor. From 2003-2005 she worked at the European Training Foundation (an EU agency which supports education and training in countries surrounding the EU) in Torino as a Tempus project assessor and assistant country- and project manager. From 2005 to 2007 she has been responsible within the International Relations Department of the University of Torino for the development and management of European cooperation projects and programmes in the field of higher education and research. Currently she is founder and managing director of EU CORE Consulting: in this role she is constantly involved in providing project management assistance and consultancy for a wide range of EU programmes (especially FP7 and Horizon 2020). She edited and published international publications, amongst others: I.A. Liverani & D. Gligorijevic, A Role for Teachers in Lifelong Guidance and Counseling, in P. Grootings and S. Nielsen (edd.), "ETF Yearbook 2005", Turin 2005, pp. 109-124 and the manuals on FP7 and Horizon 2020: 1) I.A. Liverani, "Horizon 2020: Handbook to participate in EU Framework Programme for research and Innovation" [in Italian], Rome 2016 (296 pp. ISBN 978-88-95448-45-9); 2) I.A. Liverani, "Guidelines to participate in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development" [in Italian], second, enlarged and revised edition, Rome 2011 (288 pp., ISBN 978-88-95448-27-5); 3) I.A. Liverani, "Guidelines to participate in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development" [in Italian], Roma 2009 (240 pp. ISBN 978-88-95448-05-3).



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Luca Arista, PhD

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An innovative, competent and creative Medicinal Chemistry Director with 20+ year experience in Big Pharma and Biotech R&D organisations. PMP® certified Project Manager with extensive experience in external innovation roles gained by collaborations with academic institutions, outsourcing groups and biotech. Expert knowledge in Drug Discovery research and early development phases. Proven track record of designing and delivering clinical drug candidates. Currently leading a team of 25 CRO based medicinal chemists. Seeking a leading role that combines management in cross-functional research with strong scientific background.

Mattia Pujia, PhD

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Ph.D. in Pure and Applied Mathematics, Università degli Studi di Torino Research project: geometric flows, a powerful tool in Differential Geometry used to investigate open problems both in mathematics and physics. He also used mathematical software, such as Maple and MATLAB, to construct new “concrete” examples and obtain insights about the theoretical general picture. Current Position: IT Project Manager for the Insurance Division at Intesa Sanpaolo. As a Project Manager, he mainly follows and coordinate the developments concerning the back-end layer for the mobile application “Intesa Sanpaolo Assicurazioni” (first release Oct. 2020), trying to drive the team to an end-to-end view. Since the fast-changes involving mobile applications, he is also involved in the first-step analysis of new web-services. He uses a science-driven approach to solve problems, analysing and identifying both long and short term solutions, depending on the circumstances. Thanks to his experience in Academia, he has also acquired good communication and writing skills, mainly developed during my teaching experiences to undergraduate students as well as by attending different seminars and conferences. Passionate about hard science and its divulgation.



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Roberto Chenal, PhD

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Roberto Chenal is an Italian lawyer working at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights. He holds a PhD in Human Rights from the University of Torino and was awarded the prestigious Fulbright and NYU Dean scholarships. In addition he holds an LLM diploma from New York University in Legal Theory. Since 2009 he has been giving lectures at numerous Italian and foreign universities. He coaches lawyer and judges at the University of Strabourg. He is author of many books and co-author of a work on human rights in Europe with G. Zagrebelsky and L. Tomasi. He is admitted to the Bar Association in Italy, and regularly lectures practitioners and advises Italian political decision makers.

Danilo Lombardi, PhD Facilitator

Has an Msc cum laude in Cellular and Molecular Biology, together with working experience in science engagement. He is currently a fixed-term scholar at the University of Turin, involved as “PhD Helpdesk Support” for the PhD Programme in “Complex Systems for Quantitative Biomedicine”. His main duties are finding financial fundings as well as industrial connections for PhD students.



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Lucia Salto, Career Development Facilitator for PhDs

By training holds a Master in foreign languages (English and German) from the University of Torino (1994). She was then awarded with a research scholarship by the F. Ebert Foundation and could pursue her research in Germany (LUM, TUM, IFZ Munich, 1996-1998) in the field of German contemporary history. Secondary School Teacher of English Language in Italy (with state certification, 2000). Since 2000 she has been working at the University of Torino at the Research Office and at the Faculty of Natural Sciences where she covered different administrative tasks and responsibilities (the French-Italian University project, the setup of Agorà Scienza Centre- supporting science communication and public engagement-Erasmus Placement, the coordination of international events etc. Since 2011 she has been working for the Doctoral Schools of the University of Turin focusing on the organization of different activities related to postdoctoral career path preparation, transferable skills and skills reorientation, the promotion of doctoral careers in non academic contexts.

- Member of the Italian-French-Swiss Organizing Committee which promoted 4 annual editions of the cross- border workshops (together with the Université de Lyon, the Swiss Association of Western Universities/CUSO and the Technical University of Torino) to help doctoral students prepare their postdoctoral career paths;

- Career Adviser of Association B. Grégory/ABG, leader in Europe in the field of career development ;

- project coordinator of the “Career Tracking Project -Alumni PhD UniTo-“ funded by CRT Foundation to track the career of our PhD Graduates;

- member of the Thematic Peer Group/TPG of the Council for Doctoral Education/CDE focusing on the Career Tracking of PhD holders and the Career Tracking system in different European countries;

- Univ. spokesperson for Almalaurea, the Italian interuniversity consortium surveying the Profile and the

Employment status of our PhD Graduates annually after 1, 3 and 5 years.

She held a series of workshops and webinars on alternative Career Paths for PhDs.