

This workshop series by the title “The job market with a PhD at hand” is meant for students on their second and third year of PhD course and post-docs, who are interested in learning more about the ways a PhD can be exploited also outside of the academic path, and what obstacles and challenges need to be overcome to successfully communicate research based professional self to stakeholders, such as companies, and organizations in general, who do not share the same background and reference culture. The course includes 4 3-hours long webinars that will be mainly informative, and two 2-hours long laboratories where more practical exercises will be suggested and commented by the lecturer together with the active participants. The webinars will include both practical tips and topics, such as how to face a job selection process, or how to find the proper words to describe yourself in a CV or a LinkedIn profile, as well as more general considerations of relevance as a framework to enact the practical suggestions. We will reason, for example, on the purpose and the impact of gaining a PhD in the current economy, on the drivers of motivation and well-being, on the workplace, and their role in orienting meaningful career choices. The course is meant to support the third mission of the university by empowering PhD into fulfilling their role as representatives of research in society.