

Programme* Antwerp Doctoral School Doctoral Day Monday 19 October & Tuesday 20 October 2026

***This programme may be subject to changes.**

19 October: on-campus & online

20 October: on-campus only

On-campus at UAntwerp Stadscampus, Hof van Liere (Prinsstraat 13, 2000 Antwerp)

Online via Blackboard

OPENING - Room: Albrecht Dürer

9.00 - 9.25 **Welcome coffee**

PLENARY SESSION - Room: Frederik de Tassis

9.30 - 9.55 **Introduction & welcome**

Karla Tersago (Head of the Antwerp Doctoral School)

Prof. Serge Demeyer (Chair of the Antwerp Doctoral School)

9.55 - 10.40 **Doctoral study programme and support during your PhD**

Kristien Daems & Stephan Missault (Antwerp Doctoral School)

10.40 - 11.10 **Practicalities regarding your doctoral study programme**

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COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING / Q&A - Room: Albrecht Dürer

11.10 - 11.30 **Coffee break, networking and Q&A 'Practicalities regarding your doctoral study programme'**

PLENARY SESSION - Room: Frederik de Tassis

11.35 - 11.50 **Initiatives and courses for PhD researchers**

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11.50 - 12.35 **The Skill That Will Outlast Your PhD: Communicating Research**

Whether you stay in academia or move beyond, effectively communicating complex ideas is the most valuable skill you'll develop during your PhD. Discover practical tips, inspiring examples, and the opportunities and support available to help you communicate with confidence.

Prof. Laure Jacquemin (Translational Neurosciences)

LUNCH BREAK / NETWORKING - Room: Albrecht Dürer

12.35 - 13.20 **Lunch break and networking**

- 13.25 - 14.10 Introduction to research data management**
Research data form the beating heart of academic research, making solid management of your research data not just an option but a necessity. Above all, research data management (RDM) is about risk management to ensure the quality, sustainability and (re)usability of your data.
During this session, we will explore when and how to set up a Data Management Plan (DMP), which is a document to help manage your research data over the course of a research project. We will learn how this DMP will help in making your data FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable. Thinking about these concepts will ease all parts of the research data life cycle, while also accounting for restrictions due to privacy, legal, or technological regulations.
19 October: Linde Tuybens (Research Affairs Office)
20 October: Robin Björklund (Research Affairs Office)
- 14.10 - 14.55 Personal development as a PhD researcher**
Why should personal development be a priority during your PhD trajectory? In this session, we will uncover why focusing on your growth is essential not just for your research, but also for your future career and well-being. You will get to know a practical tool designed to support your personal development, perfectly aligned with the competence profile of the doctoral study programme.
Karla Tersago (Antwerp Doctoral School)

PARALLEL SESSION 1 Choose one of the three options.

- 15.00 - 15.45 1.1 A practical guide to Open Access publishing**
Publishing scientific output in Open Access is gaining importance in the (inter)national scientific landscape. In this session, you will be handed a practical guide to Open Access publishing, such as what types of Open Access there are, how to publish Open Access for free, funder requirements and open licenses. With this knowledge, you will be able to navigate through all of the different options.
Martijn Van Roie (Department of Library and Archives)
Room: Frederik de Tassis
- 1.2 Broaden your horizon with a joint PhD**
Are you looking for something extra for your PhD research? If you are interested in a more (inter)national PhD experience, maybe a joint PhD will be something for you. In this info session we will explain the practical steps on how to expand your research to two or more universities and the benefits of doing so. Also, individual questions will be addressed.
Simone Kramer (Antwerp Doctoral School)
Room: Thomas Gresham
- 1.3 Personal information security & GDPR: general information session for researchers - recommended for PhD researchers in Social Sciences and Humanities**
In this session you will get a general introduction regarding the processing of personal data a.k.a. GDPR and scientific research. What is GDPR? Why is it relevant, what do you have to do as a researcher and what information is

available? The link with Research Data Management and securing your data will also be covered.

Koen Pepermans / Jeroen Van den Bergh (Privacy and Process Management Office)
Room: Willem Elsschot

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING - Room: Albrecht Dürer

15.45 - 16.05 **Coffee break and networking**

PARALLEL SESSION 2 Choose one of the three options.

16.10 - 16.55

2.1 In the Driver's Seat of Your Career as a PhD researcher

In this session the Talent Center will take time to reflect on how you can actively shape your career as a PhD researcher. We will explore what career self-management means and consider how greater awareness can help you move forward with more clarity and confidence. This session is meant as a starting point. Expect to be encouraged to continue your reflection to develop a career that is valuable and fulfilling to you, also supported by the diverse training offer of the Antwerp Doctoral School and the Talent Center.

Steven De Winter (Talent Center)

Room: Frederik de Tassis

2.2 Good research practice: from frameworks to real-life decisions

Join this interactive workshop to uncover the essentials of good research practice. We'll cover some key concepts and tackle a number of thought-provoking cases. The goal? For you to gain practical tools to identify dilemmas in your own research. Oh, and doing things right of course, that too.

Only on-campus, not online.

19 October: Marianne De Voecht (Research Affairs Office)

20 October: Sarah Claes (Research Affairs Office)

Room: Thomas Gresham

2.3 A first aid starter's guide to interdisciplinary research

Doing research about complex societal challenges rarely fits within a single discipline. This interactive workshop introduces the fundamentals of interdisciplinary research, explores its added value, and showcases how combining perspectives can lead to innovative insights and impact. Through real-life experiences from different scientific domains, practical lessons will be shared on starting with and thriving in interdisciplinary work: concrete examples, challenges, and success factors will be provided. The session aims to give starting tools to early-stage doctoral researchers to embrace interdisciplinarity.

Inneke Baatsen (Urban Studies Institute) and Vincent Bellinkx (Institute for Environment and Sustainable Development)

Room: Willem Elsschot

16.55 - 17.00

Closing notes and questions

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Takes place directly after the parallel session in the same room.