

Programme* Antwerp Doctoral School Doctoral Day
Thursday 16 & Friday 17 October 2025

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16 October: on-campus & online | 17 October: only on-campus

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

Online via Blackboard

OPENING - Room: Albrecht Dürer

8.30 - 8.55 **Welcome coffee**

PLENARY SESSION - Morning programme (part 1) - Room: Frederik de Tassis

9.00 - 9.30 **Introduction & welcome**

Karla Tersago (Head of the Antwerp Doctoral School)

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

9.30 - 10.15 **Doctoral study programme and support during your PhD**

Kristien Daems & Stephan Missault (Antwerp Doctoral School)

10.15 - 10.45 **Practicalities regarding your doctoral study programme**

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

10.45 - 11.05 **Coffee break, networking and Q&A 'Practicalities regarding your doctoral study programme'**

PLENARY SESSION - Morning programme (part 2) - Room: Frederik de Tassis

11.10 - 12.10 **Generative AI in academic research: opportunities and pitfalls of using large language models**

Prof. Luna De Bruyne

12.10 - 12.30 **Presentation of associations, courses and initiatives**

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LUNCH BREAK / NETWORKING - Room: Albrecht Dürer

12.30 - 13.35 **Lunch break and networking**

PLENARY SESSION - Afternoon programme - Room: Frederik de Tassis

13.40 - 14.25 **Introduction to research data management**

Linde Tuybens (Research Affairs Office)

PARALLEL SESSION 1 - Afternoon programme Choose one of three options

14.30 - 15.15	<p>1.1 Personal development as a PhD researcher - recommended for starting PhD researchers who are early in their career <i>Why should personal development be a priority during your PhD trajectory? In this session, we'll uncover why focusing on your growth is essential not just for your research, but also for your future career and well-being. You'll get to know a practical tool designed to support your personal development, perfectly aligned with the competence profile of the doctoral study programme.</i></p> <p>Karla Tersago (Antwerp Doctoral School)</p> <p>Room: Frederik de Tassis</p> <p>1.2 Personal information security & GDPR: general information session for researchers - recommended for PhD researchers in Social Sciences and Humanities <i>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.</i></p> <p>16 October: Koen Pepermans (Privacy and Process Management Office) 17 October: Jeroen Van den Bergh (Privacy and Process Management Office)</p> <p>Room: Thomas Gresham</p> <p>1.3 Managing your future career as a PhD researcher - recommended for PhD researchers in the second half of their PhD trajectory <i>In this session, we will take time to reflect on how you can actively shape your future career as a PhD researcher. We will explore the many directions a PhD can lead to, identify the transferable skills you are already developing, and consider how greater awareness of your choices and preferences can help you move forward with more clarity and confidence. This session is meant as a starting point, and you are warmly encouraged to continue your reflection through the broader career management support offered by the Antwerp Doctoral School and the Talent Center.</i></p> <p>Corinne Herrijgers (HR Department)</p> <p>Room: Willem Elsschot</p>
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COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING - Room: Albrecht Dürer

15.15 - 15.35 **Coffee break and networking**

PARALLEL SESSION 2 - Afternoon programme Choose one of three options

15.40 - 16.25	<p>2.1 Publishing & reviewing <i>As a researcher, you are expected to publish your research findings. In this session, we'll discuss the importance of a well-considered publication strategy and the various choices you will have to make, such as how and where to publish (publication type, collaboration, journal choice, ...). The session will also pay attention to impact assessment and the</i></p>
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	<p><i>requirements for UAntwerp researchers (institutional repository, ORCID, open access, ...).</i></p> <p>Nele Dexters & Eline Vandewalle (Research Affairs Office)</p> <p>Room: Frederik de Tassis</p> <p>2.2 Broaden your horizon with a joint PhD</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Simone Kramer (Antwerp Doctoral School)</p> <p>Room: Thomas Gresham</p> <p>2.3 What would you do? Bridging the GAP from theory to case study. A session on research integrity</p> <p><i>Join this interactive workshop to uncover the essentials of research integrity. We will cover some key concepts and drivers behind research misconduct, but mostly 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.</i></p> <p>Marianne De Voecht (Research Affairs Office)</p> <p>Room: Willem Elsschot</p>
16.25 - 16.30	<p>Closing notes and questions</p> <p>Antwerp Doctoral School team</p> <p>Takes place directly after the parallel session in the same room</p>