



# Panel discussions on career development in Europe after a PhD

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## OBJECTIVES:

This online networking event will help participants to:

- broaden their professional options
- get information and advice to boost their career development
- better understand recruiters' expectations in the recruitment process outside academia

## PROGRAMME

2 panel discussions with 8 panelists (see biography and linkedin profiles in the part below) on sharing their experience and presenting their current position, on sharing their experience of recruiting PhDs; Q/A time with the participants (2x1,5 hrs)

- **Panel discussion 1 (2:00 – 3:30pm) – focus: Humanities and social sciences**
  - Which career options after a PhD in Humanities and social sciences outside academia (ex. company, international organization...)?
  - How to ace job interviews and market your profile as an international researcher?

### Panelists:

- Dr Aziza Akhmouch, PhD in geopolitics, Head of Division at OCDE (France)
- Dr Niagale Bagayoko, PhD in international relations, Senior SSR expert and chair at African Security Sector Network (France)
- Dr Annamaria Donnarumma, PhD in astronomy, Senior consultant at Siris Academic, with recruiting responsibilities (Spain)
- Dr Sabine Plaud, PhD in philosophy, Senior consultant at Siris Academic, with recruiting responsibilities (Spain)

## SPEAKERS



Dr Aziza Akhmouch, PhD in geopolitics, Head of Division at OCDE (France)

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Aziza Akhmouch is the Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development division within the Centre for entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities of the OECD. She oversees a team of 30+ experts providing governments with new data, evidence, analysis and guidance in a wide range of urban policies to foster smart, inclusive, competitive and sustainable cities. Amongst others, she oversees the OECD metropolitan and National Urban Policy Reviews, and a broad range of thematic work related to housing, transport, cities and inclusive growth, cities and environment, metropolitan productivity and governance, and localising the Sustainable Development Goals. Aziza Akhmouch spearheaded the OECD Principles on Urban Policy and the OECD Water Governance Initiative. She also manages the OECD Champion Mayors Initiative for Inclusive Growth, the OECD Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers, and the OECD-UN Habitat-Cities Alliance National Urban Policy Platform. She holds a PhD and Ms Degree in Geography, specialised in Geopolitics from the University of Paris 8-Vincennes, and a Master's degree in international relations.



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*I hold a PhD in Astronomy from the University of Bologna, Italy. In SIRIS Academic I work on consultancy projects for higher education, research and public institutions, combining evidence-based and qualitative approaches; in particular, I have worked on projects to support the implementation of regional strategies for the HERI sector. My professional background includes experiences in academic research and in technical consulting.*



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*I am a consultant in Higher education, research and innovation policies. My expertise covers in particular institutional academic strategies, academic rankings and their methodology, new trends in higher education. I have an extended experience of the French and Italian sectors. I have in-depth knowledge of French regulations regarding public procurement. I am an expert of quality processes, and I am in charge of managing the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System at SIRIS Academic. I hold a PhD in philosophy from Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.*