

Dear fellow PhD candidates and Postdocs,

Even if the week began with another lockdown, UiODoc is wishing you all the best for 2021!

We have been working hard to bring some useful and informative events to you in this winter-corona time. Here is the overview of how you can spend your time while dreaming about the sun, open shops and restaurants and travelling to distant locations...

### **Panel discussion: How does the pandemic affect early career researchers?**

First of all, related to the ongoing pandemic, don't miss the opportunity to [sign up for the panel discussion](#) that will take place this Wednesday where our **Rector Svein Stølen** will exchange his views on the **crisis for PhDs and postdocs** with other panelists, including the **Young Academy of Norway** (Ingrid Lossius Falkum), **Forskerforbundet** (Cecilie Wingerei Lilleheil) and **student counselling services ForVei** (Linda Therese Sørensen Westgaard). Topics on the agenda are: the delays, effects on mental health and the institutional response to mitigate these impacts.

### **PhD and Postdoc Breakfast Club**

Our PhD and postdoc breakfast club will resume in its digital format for 2021, with talks on how to give and receive feedback and intercultural communication coming up. But first, Matthew Good will talk to you about the new Digital Scholarship Center on the 29th of January. Check out our updated [calendar](#), and register for the event [here](#)!

### **Approaching the end of your PhD?**

Other than that, we have some constructive workshops on the agenda for the following months, including events for those of you who are in the final writing stages of your dissertation and wondering what to do post-PhD. Are you still wondering what "Kappe" means? Stay tuned, we will announce a workshop where you will discover the nuts and bolts of this genre in February! And if you are looking to transition to a non-academic job -- on the 25th of March the Boston Consulting group will teach you what it takes to land a job in strategy consulting. Meanwhile, in a [webinar](#) hosted by NORDICOM on February 5th, author of the book "Leaving Academia: a practical guide" will give doctoral students in the social sciences and humanities some inspirational tips on how to approach this transition.

### **New career portal at UiO**

The faculties have recently launched a central resource for young academics to orient themselves on the job market and gain relevant information. This resource will keep growing to meet the needs of PhDs and postdocs at UiO. Make sure to check it out [here](#), and send any feedback you might have to us or your faculty administrators!

### **Combating bullying and discrimination**

Researchers from the department of Geosciences at UiO have published an article that explains in ten steps how to deal with abusive academic work environment. Read their advice [here](#). If you observe censurable behaviour at UiO, [Speak Up!](#) Offers guidance on how to report these conditions.

### **Pint of Science Festival**

Pint of Science is looking for new volunteers to help in the organisation of the famous international science festival that aims to communicate scientific knowledge to the wider public over a pint of beer. Do you love science communication and do you want to help to make the 2021 edition (19-21 May) a success? Please check the Pint of Science [website](#) for more details!

While it remains to be seen when we can have a pint in person again, we hope that many of you are excited about the events to come and look forward to welcoming you at our digital events!

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### **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!**

**Panel discussion: How does the pandemic affect PhDs and Postdocs?**

**27<sup>th</sup> of January, 12:00-13:30 PM @ Zoom**

The pandemic, while still ongoing, has already had a dramatic impact on UiO activity and highlighted issues with implications that are yet to be fully grasped. This panel discussion is an attempt at opening up a UiO-wide conversation that will allow key figures in the university to share their experience and perspectives on this situation, including what they're doing about it.

Check out the participants!

See event details, register and leave your question for the rector and others [here](#).

**PhD and PostDoc Breakfast Club (PPBC): Digital scholarship by Matthew Good**

**29<sup>th</sup> of January, 9:00-10:00 AM @ Zoom**

The UiO Library, with support from UiO's Center for IT and Research Administration, are in the early phases on building what is often referred to as a Digital Scholarship Center (DSC). The goal of the DSC is to support researchers with various digital research activities such as data management, visualization, and skills development. Matthew Good, project leader for the DSC project, will be joining us to talk about the project and how it will help you as a PhD student at UiO. You will also have an opportunity to provide feedback to the project and share any ideas you might have for future development.

See event details and register [here](#).

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### **Other upcoming events:**

- **Shut up & write - digital meetup!**  
Arranged by The Academic Writing Centre  
January 22nd 2021, 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM @ Zoom  
See event and Zoom details [here](#).
- **Drop-in help - Digital meetup!**  
Arranged by the University of Oslo Library  
January 26-28th, 12:00 - 14:00 PM @ Zoom  
Do you need help or guidance with literature searching or reference management? The university library offers drop-in help on Zoom!

See event and join [here](#).

- **Welcome breakfast for international employees**  
Arranged by the International Staff Mobility Office (ISMO)  
February 5th 2021, 08:55 AM - 12:00 PM @ Zoom  
The University of Oslo invites all international employees, researchers and Ph.D. candidates who have joined our institution recently to a welcome and orientation meeting.  
See event and register [here](#).
  
- **Webinar for Doctoral Students “Risky and Resilient? Building an Academic Career”**  
Arranged by NORDICOM  
February 5th 2021, 3:30 – 4:15 PM CET @ Zoom  
See event details and sign up [here](#).

Keynote speaker Christopher Caterine, the author of the book [Leaving Academia: A Practical Guide](#) (2020), will explain how to use informational interviews to learn the language and values of new sectors – and to practice translating your experience so that others grasp the value you can create for their organizations. He will also touch on how to network ethically and effectively in order to increase your access to opportunities in areas you wish to pursue.

- **Oslo Life Science Conference**  
Arranged by UiO:Life Science  
February 15-18th 2021 @ Zoom  
See event details and sign up [here](#).

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PhD/Postdoc events: [www.mn.uio.no/phdevents](http://www.mn.uio.no/phdevents)

PhD/Postdoc message board: <https://www.mn.uio.no/english/research/phd/messages/>

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Kind Regards,

Michael Goul Larsen, *Secretary*  
on behalf of UiODoc



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