

PhD-Careers Outside Academia

Online workshop November 28th on Zoom

Have you asked yourself what possibilities you, as a PhD, have in the labour market outside of the university? Do you want to improve your chances of finding your dream job? Then join our one-day seminar hosted by the NJ-faculty research schools to get different perspectives on career choices, finding your “dream job”, self-employment possibilities, prospects and possibilities in the current labour market, etc.

You have a PhD! what's next? During this workshop, we will explore industry opportunities and help you discover exciting career paths beyond traditional academic routes. You'll hear from several former PhDs who have successfully transitioned from academia to impactful roles in leading companies. Some of our speakers now hold leadership or hiring positions and will share valuable insights from both perspectives —as professionals who made the transition themselves and as decision-makers in industry. We'll demonstrate how to effectively transfer your skills to non-academic environments, build your professional network, identify job opportunities, and continue developing your career potential.

To register: Send an email to Vahideh Rafiei (vahideh.rafiee@slu.se) no later than 10.00 AM on November 27th 2025.

When: November 28th 2025. Where: **Via Zoom!**

Program:

- 9.00 - 9.10 Introduction, Eva Krab and Vahideh Rafiei, Study directors
- 9.10 - 9.35 **Staffan Roos**, CEO (Senior Environmental Consultant, **Lanius Ekologi AB**)
- 9:40- 10.15 **Margarita Diez** (Head of Analysis Service at **Olink PSX /ThermoFisher Scientific**)
- 10.20 - 10.50 **Rebecca Larsson** (Cultivation specialist at **Sveaskog**)
- 10.55- 11:25 **Jacob Dalgaard Christensen** (Economist, data scientist at **Aarhus Kommune**)

Lunch break

- 13.00 -13.30 **Lina Widenfalk** (CEO and senior ecologist at **Greensway**)
- 13.35 -14.15 **Laura Andreea Bolos**, (Economist, the Swedish Food agency (**Livsmedelsverket**))
- 14.25 -15.10 **Julia Nederberg**, (**Naturvetarna**, the Union for Natural Scientists)
- 15.10- 15.40 **Stefan Ploum** (Hydrologist, **DHI, Dansk Hydraulisk Institut**))

The workshop is jointly organized by Focus on Soils and Water, Organism Biology, with the participation of Sustainable systems for food, energy and biomaterials, Ecology, Focus on Food and Biomaterials, Social Science Perspective on Sustainable Development, Society and Landscape Research schools.

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