



**IMPRS on Cognitive NeuroImaging
Module 5: Softskills Courses**

**Navigating an International Academic Career:
Challenges, Risks, Opportunities**

27–28 November 2025, each 09:00–17:00

Workshop description

This workshop allows you to gain a deeper understanding of the particular set of challenges, risks and opportunities involved in international academic careers and to discuss them with other internationally-minded scientists. It also offers an occasion for you to examine your current situation, clarify and develop your ideas about the future and plan the next steps of your career.

Topics covered include:

- Which opportunities arise from international academic mobility? What are the main challenges and risks?
- What can I do to benefit from the opportunities and to minimise the risks?
- How international are academic labour markets in different countries?
- What are the achievements to aim for and the tasks to complete? Similarities and differences in selected academic systems
- How do I develop my scientific profile?
- What are my next steps?

In addition, there is time for other relevant questions and concerns you may have.

The workshop is suitable both for international scientists in Germany and for scientists of all nationalities wishing to pursue all or part of their future careers outside of Germany.

Facilitator

[Dr Matthias Zach](#)

Educated in Oxford, Paris and Tübingen, Matthias Zach has worked as a researcher, lecturer and science manager in Britain, France and Germany. As a member of the Karriereberatung für Akademiker*innen (www.kabeak.de), he counsels researchers and scientists on all relevant aspects of their careers.

Venue

Seminar Room Charlotte Buehler (C402), Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig

Credit points

0.5 ECTS credit points will be granted if both workshop days are attended completely

