



PhD day

15th October 2019

UPC, Barcelona

During the day leading to the 19th ERSCP conference, you will get together with peers and mentors to improve your research, learn about how to develop your writing and publication skills and discuss early-career and PhD specific struggles. To apply, you need to submit a piece of your research, which will be reviewed by one of the senior mentors. In small sessions, you will present your work and receive feedback from your mentor and colleagues. In the afternoon, you will have the chance to interact with experts to further develop your skills. The event will close with the kick-off to the main ERSCP conference.

What to expect?

A maximum of 25 participants will be selected for the PhD day. In the morning, the group will break out in smaller groups of 5 PhDs who will work with a mentor and peers on the piece of work submitted by the participant. In order to do so, you will be asked to send a review of a peer's work before the PhD day. We will then have lunch together, followed by two parallel workshops, each of which will be directed to early or late stage PhDs. Finally, the PhD day will close with the group joining the ERSCP conference opening session. A more detailed programme will be published around mid-April.

Who can apply?

PhD students at any stage of their PhD in the field of Sustainable Consumption and Production who are attending (and are registered to) the ERSCP Conference 2019.

How to submit

Please send a piece of the work that you would like to obtain feedback for to phd.erscp2019@gmail.com. This can be a short paper or an extended abstract of your research proposal or dissertation. It should be between up to 10 pages long (including references).

Important dates

Deadline for paper submission: 1st June 2019

Notification of acceptance: 1st July

Assignment of mentors and peer reviews: 1st August

Peer reviews due: 1st October

Costs

Participation in the PhD day is free of charge. Lunch at the UPC canteen is at the participant's own expense.

Questions?

Send an email to phd.erscp2019@gmail.com.

Draft programme

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Plenary session 1

- Welcome speech
- Introduction of UPC and ERSCP
- What happens then? Presentation by a recently graduate PhD

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break and networking

A flipchart with post-its will be available to pose questions / propose ideas for the next sessions

10:30 – 13:00 Breakout sessions

Mentoring sessions in small groups of about 5 participants. The mentor and participants in each of the group will have read the work provided by each of the participants. After each of the short presentations (10 minutes) there is around 20 minutes time for feedback from the mentor and colleagues (around 30 minutes per participant, in total).

Peer feedback will be provided mostly based on the content of the presentation; however, the mentor and at least one of the other participants will also have read the research plan beforehand. In that way, the participants will get more insights.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (own expense)

14:00 – 15:30 Parallel sessions: skill development workshops

- *Workshop 1 (recommended for early-stage PhDs)*

This workshop will focus on developing skills that you will need for your PhD (and beyond), mainly, how to write academic papers based on PhD research and dealing with reviews.

- *Workshop 2: (recommended for late-stage PhDs)*

This workshop deals with final stages in the PhD process and its immediate aftermath; mainly, wrapping up PhD research in dissertations and writing successful research proposals as a post doc (excellence, impact and time management).

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break and networking

16:00 – 16:30 Conference opening and welcome

16:30 – 17:30 Keynote plenary speeches

17:30 – 18:30 Welcome drinks