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Program

TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER/TRAINER	LOCATION
MON 16.06.25			
2-3 PM	Welcome & Introduction to Viadrina	Prof. Jan Passoth, Dr. Sandra Evans, Sara Bonin	Collegium Polonicum – Small Conference Hall (Room No. 13)
3-3:30 PM	Coffee Break		
3:30-5 PM	Poster Session	Klaudia Kazana	
5:15-6:45 PM	Keynote & Discussion: Mental Health in Academia	Dr. Dorothea Böhme	
7 PM	Opening Buffet		
TUE 17.06.25			
9 AM-12 PM	Building Professional Networks	Hendrik Peters	AM 02
1-4 PM	Organize your Writing Process	Romèò Kolegbe	GD 03
4:30-6 PM	Citizen Science Field Walk with Thilo Pagel	Wooden Bridge to Ziegenwerder Island	
6 PM	Joint Barbecue	WG Bar; Große Scharrnstraße 14A, 15230 Frankfurt (Oder)	
WED 18.06.25			
9 AM-12 PM	Understanding the EU Funding Landscape	Dr. Geny Piotti	AM 02

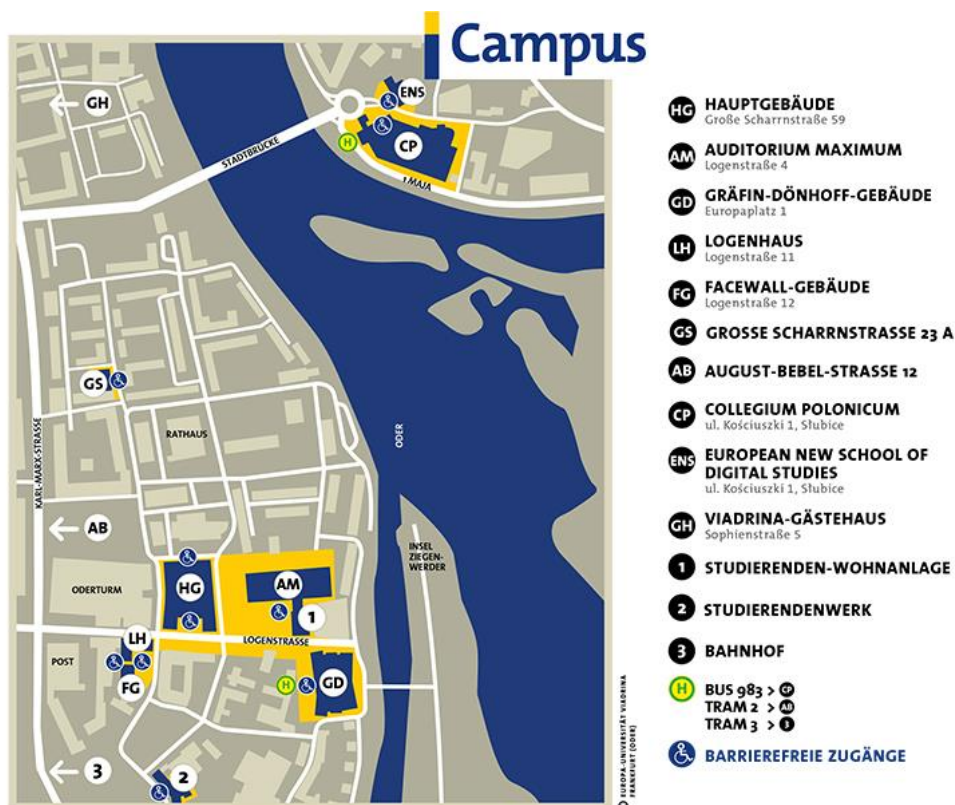
1-4 PM	Academic Publishing	Prof. Alexander Grossmann	AM 02
4:30-7 PM	Meet the Viadrina Researcher	Sara Bonin	Collegium Polonicum – Small Conference Hall (Room No. 13)

THU 19.06.25

9 AM-12 PM	Open Science	Dr. Katarzyna Biernacka	AM 02
1-4 PM	Research Data Management		AM 02
4:30-6:30 PM	Boat Tour along the River Oder	Passenger Pier, Holzmarkt 7, 15230 Frankfurt (Oder)	€20 per person in cash
7 PM	Group Dinner	Villa Casino, Mickiewicza 11, Stübice	

FRI 20.06.25

9 AM-12 PM	Crafting Your Science Story	Dr. Cornelia Altenburg	AM 02
12:30 PM	Closing Ceremony & Lunch at the University Cafeteria	Prof. Jan Passoth, Dr. Sandra Evans, Sara Bonin	Logensaal LH 011



Detailed Description of the Program

TITLE	POSTER SESSION
TIME SLOT	Mon 16.06.25 3:30 - 5:00 pm.
VENUE	Collegium Polonicum – Small Conference Hall
MODERATOR	Klaudia Kazana
SHORT DESCRIPTION	Participants will have the opportunity to network and exchange ideas by presenting their research using a standardized poster template.
TITLE	Keynote & Discussion: Mental Health in Academia: A Structural Perspective
TIME SLOT	Mon 16.06.2025 5:15 - 6:45 pm
VENUE	Collegium Polonicum – Small Conference Hall
TRAINER	Dr. Dorothea Böhme
SHORT DESCRIPTION	Mental health in academia requires urgent attention, especially post-Covid-19. Research shows that early career researchers (ECRs) face severe mental health challenges due to steep hierarchies, power imbalances, relentless pressure to publish and secure funding, and intense job competition. These conditions often lead to anxiety, depression, or burnout. While universities offer mental health support, it is often framed within a neoliberal logic—treating well-being as an individual responsibility rather than addressing systemic issues. This shifts the burden onto ECRs instead of tackling structural problems within academia. This keynote challenges the individualization of mental health struggles by highlighting the systemic issues shaping them. It critically examines dominant beliefs around productivity, performance, and excellence while opening space for reflection, exchange, and intervention—above all, a space where ECRs feel validated and supported.
TITLE	Building Professional Networks and Improving Collaboration Skills
TIME SLOT	Tue 17.06.25 9 am – noon
VENUE	AM 02

**TRAINER
SHORT
DESCRIPTION**

Hendrik Peters

This workshop aims to equip early career researchers with the skills and strategies needed to build professional networks and foster effective collaboration in academia. Participants will engage in hands-on activities, self-learning exercises, and guided discussions to establish meaningful professional relationships, leverage networking opportunities, and enhance interdisciplinary collaboration. By the end of the workshop, participants will have improved their networking abilities and collaborative skills for academic and professional growth.

**TITLE
TIME SLOT**

Organize your Writing Process

Tue 17.06.25

1 – 4 pm

**VENUE
TRAINER**

GD 03

Romèò Kolegbe

**SHORT
DESCRIPTION**

In this workshop, PhD candidates as writers take center stage. What do PhD candidates need in order to write well? What writing strategies exist, and how can writers optimize their writing processes? What types of writers are there, and what are the associated advantages and disadvantages? In this workshop, participants will engage with their own writing processes, learn writing methods for successful writing, and reflect on their writing practices. Additionally, there will be space for individual discussions about their writing projects and processes in peer groups.

**TITLE
TIME SLOT**

Understanding the EU Funding Landscape

Wed 18.06.25

9 am – noon

**VENUE
TRAINER**

AM 02

Dr. Geny Piotti

**SHORT
DESCRIPTION**

This workshop provides participants with an overview of the various funding opportunities available within the European Union. It will explore key EU funding programs, eligibility criteria, and application processes, equipping attendees with the knowledge and strategies needed to successfully navigate the EU funding landscape. Ideal for researchers and professionals seeking to secure funding for their projects, this workshop offers practical

guidance to help maximize their chances of success in applying for EU grants.

TITLE **Academic Publishing**
TIME SLOT Wed 18.06.25
1:00 – 4 pm
VENUE AM 02
TRAINER Prof. Alexander Grossmann
SHORT DESCRIPTION An introduction to the academic publishing landscape, including journal selection, impact factors, and Open Access options. Tailored for doctoral students and early post-docs, especially in the humanities and social sciences.

TITLE **Meet the Viadrina ERUA Post-docs**
TIME SLOT Wed 18.06.25
5 pm
VENUE Collegium Polonicum – Small Conference Hall
TRAINER Sara Bonin
SHORT DESCRIPTION This event aims to foster academic exchange and explore potential collaborations among researchers within the European Reform University Alliance (ERUA) and the Viadrina community. The program includes short presentations on the research profiles of various Viadrina faculties, followed by a Q&A session and discussions. Additionally, the Early Career Researchers platform will be introduced as a resource for further collaboration and engagement. A standing reception will provide further opportunities for informal networking and exchange. The event is open to professors and postdoctoral researchers engaged in ERUA, as well as members of the Viadrina team.

TITLE **Open Science**
TIME SLOT Thu 19.06.25
9 am – noon
VENUE AM 02
TRAINER Dr. Katarzyna Biernacka
SHORT DESCRIPTION Openness and transparency are shaping the future of research, but what does that mean for your work? This 3-hour interactive workshop will introduce you to the core principles of Open Science and show you how to make your research more transparent,

reproducible, and impactful. Through practical exercises and real-world examples, you'll learn about open access publishing, data sharing, reproducibility, and collaborative tools. Whether you're new to Open Science or looking to refine your approach, this session will help you navigate the possibilities and challenges of working openly in research.

TITLE	Research Data Management
TIME SLOT	Thu 19.06.25 1 – 4 pm
VENUE	AM 02
TRAINER	Dr. Katarzyna Biernacka
SHORT DESCRIPTION	Managing research data effectively is essential for researchers across all fields, yet it can often feel overwhelming. This interactive 3-hour workshop provides a practical introduction to organizing, securing, and sharing research data with confidence. Through hands-on exercises, you'll explore key strategies, discover useful tools, and learn how to implement best practices that make data management more efficient and sustainable. Whether you're looking to improve compliance, enhance collaboration, or simply bring more structure to your workflow, this workshop will equip you with the skills you need to take control of your research data.
TITLE	Crafting Your Science Story: Techniques for Impactful Communication
TIME SLOT	Fri 20.06.25 9 am – noon
VENUE	AM 02
TRAINER	Dr. Cornelia Altenburg
SHORT DESCRIPTION	This hands-on workshop introduces techniques for science communication with a focus on storytelling, media, and social media strategy. Participants will learn to share their research in ways that engage, inform, and inspire broader audiences.