

Next Level Career Management using AI Assistants

Objective

In this workshop, you will learn to use AI assistants (Large Language Models, LLMs) strategically for your career development and professional networking. By the end of the workshop, you will be able to

- use LLMs to research people and organizations,
- Craft outreach messages,
- prepare for career conversations, and
- make more informed career decisions.

Description

Your career advances through the people you meet, the conversations you start, and the opportunities you create. Yet for many researchers, networking feels awkward, time-consuming, or unclear. This workshop changes that by putting AI assistants to work as your personal career development co-pilot. In this hands-on online workshop, participants learn to use LLMs strategically for the tasks that matter most in career development. Participants work on their own real networking goals throughout the session and leave with polished, ready-to-use outputs. A key feature is the emphasis on data protection and privacy-conscious AI use.

- Researching people and organizations before conferences and career events
- Crafting compelling elevator pitches, outreach messages, and follow-up emails
- Preparing for informational interviews and refining LinkedIn profiles
- Making better-informed career decisions using AI-supported analysis

Methodology

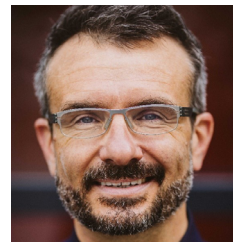
Interactive online workshop combining short conceptual inputs with extended hands-on exercises. Participants work with their own career goals and real contacts throughout the session.

The trainer provides live demonstrations, individual feedback, and guided practice with multiple AI tools. The workshop content is tailored to the group at the beginning by asking about expectations and experience levels.

Conditions

- Computer with internet access and a working account for at least one AI assistant (e.g. Claude, ChatGPT, Gemini, or Copilot)
- No prior AI experience required.
- Participants should have a specific networking or career goal in mind (e.g. a conference, a contact, a career question)

Trainer



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Prof. Daniel Mertens is heading research groups at the DKFZ Heidelberg and University Hospital Ulm (108 publications, 6,267 citations, €6.77M in third-party funding). Since 2011, over 9,000 participants have attended his transferable skills workshops across Europe, the US, and Africa. Since early 2023, he has delivered 220+ AI-focused workshops to 8,140+ researchers – a unique combination of active scientist and experienced trainer. After his workshops, 80% of participants make AI implementation a top priority.

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Organizational Information

Language / Format	English / Online
Target group	Advanced Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs (R2/R3) from all faculties
Date	Friday, 11 December 2026, 9:00 – 12:30
Registration	For registration click here