



## EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS WORKSHOP SERIES ONLINE IN 2025

These free online workshops offer networking opportunities to foster the worldwide integration and inclusion of early career scholars. They address topics that often fall short in university programs but are of general interest and importance. Participants are encouraged to engage in critical reflection on academic practices and the profession itself, based on inputs by an internationally diverse cohort of scholars.

Some sessions are designed to generate advanced knowledge of work environments in academia, some provide a behind-the-scenes look at the publication process, while others delve into specialized methods. Each session is held on a Thursday in the first half of 2025 and lasts 1.5 hours.

Organized by Barbara Hof and Climério da Silva Neto, these workshops emerged from activities of the Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy (STAND). They are now being expanded to facilitate cross-commission exchange among the 23 commissions of the Division for the History of Science and Technology (DHST), which endorses and supports the initiative. The workshops aim to strengthen the international character of the DHST in service of its community.

- **INITIAL MEETING AND INTRODUCTION IN WRITING GOOD & FAIR BOOK REVIEWS (27 February)**  
**Topics:** The nuts and bolts; communication with editors; deadlines; balance criticism; how to connect the book-under-review to previous work; why are novel disciplinary perspectives relevant?  
**Speaker:** **Gleb Albert** is Assistant Professor in General and Eastern European History at the University of Luzerne, Switzerland, and experienced book review editor of H-SOZ-KULT.  
**Time:** 27 February, 8-9:30 pm Beijing, 2-3.30pm CET, 9-10:30am Brasilia, 4-5:30 am PST
- **BEST PRACTICE IN ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND ANALYSIS (6 March)**  
**Topics:** What is oral history; limits and (dis-)advantages; biases; lessons from the practice; what to consider when producing and analyzing interviews; good technologies.  
**Speaker:** **David Zierler** is the Ronald and Maxine Linde Director of the Caltech Heritage Project, USA. Previously, Zierler directed the Oral History Program at the American Institute of Physics.  
**Time:** 6 March, 11:30 pm-1 am Beijing, 4:30-6pm CET, 12:30am-14pm Brasilia, 7:30-9am PST
- **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON JOURNALS AS A MEANS OF SHAPING THE PRODUCTION & DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE (27 March)**  
**Topics:** How to find suitable journals; how to respond to reviews; the role of journals in academic discourse; policies and politics of journals.  
**Discussants:** **Silvia Figueirôa** is Professor at the University of Campinas, Brazil, and has edited several collective volumes; **Joseph D. Martin** is Associate Professor at Durham University, UK, chair of the editorial board of *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, editor-in-chief of *Physics in Perspective*, and book reviews editor for the *British Journal for the History of Science*. **Doubravka Olšáková** is Senior Researcher in History at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, and deputy editor of *Centaurus*; **Tiago Saraiva** is Full Professor of History at the Drexel University, USA, co-editor of *History and Technology* and a member of the Cambridge History of Technology editorial team.  
**Time:** 27 March, 9 pm-10:30 pm Beijing, 2-3.30pm CET, 10-11:30am Brasilia, 6-7:30am PDT

- CAREER DIVERSITY (10 April)**  
**Topics:** Academic vs non-academic jobs; Work-life balance; gender; transition out of academia.  
**Speaker:** **Arwen Mohun** is Professor in history at the University of Delaware, United States. Mohun has coordinated a working group on career diversity at the Consortium for History of Science Technology and Medicine.  
**Time:** 10 April, 10:30-12 pm Beijing, 4:30-6pm CET, 11:30am-1pm Brasilia, 7:30-9am PDT
- ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH & WRITING (24 April)**  
**Topics:** Best practice in communication in teams; different ways of collaboration; are virtual tools a game changer; national styles; are we moving towards “big history”?  
**Discussants:** **Olival Freire Jr.** is Professor in history of science at the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, and Director of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development; **Roberto Lalli** is Assistant Professor in history of science and technology at the Polytechnico di Turino, Italy, and PI of the research project “FusEUrope”; **Jinyan Liu** is Professor at the Institute for the History of Natural Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China, and vice-chair of the Department of History of International Science and Technology.  
**Time:** 24 April, 8-9:30 pm Beijing, 2-3.30pm CET, 9-10:30am Brasilia, 5-6:30 am PDT
- CONTENT AND SUBMISSION OF BOOK PROPOSALS (15 May)**  
**Topics:** Should I turn my dissertation into a book?; How to find the right press; how to approach editors; how to outline a book proposal; collective authorship and editing; why book series?  
**Speaker:** **W. Patrick McCray** is Professor at the History Department at the University of California Santa Barbara, USA, and a series editor for Johns Hopkins University Press.  
**Time:** 15 May, 10:30-12 pm Beijing, 4:30-6pm CET, 11:30am-1pm Brasilia, 7:30-9am PDT
- GRANT WRITING MASTER CLASS (29 May)**  
**Topics:** Think big questions and frame them well; crafting your grant; personal experience.  
**Speakers:** **Gerardo Ienna** is postdoctoral researcher at the University of Verona, Italy, and a Marie Curie global fellow (Grant Number 101026146); **Simone Turchetti** is Professor in history of science and technology at the Manchester University, UK, and PI of the ERC research project “Newworldata”.  
**Time:** 29 May, 8-9:30 pm Beijing, 2-3.30pm CET, 9-10:30am Brasilia, 5-7:30 am PDT
- CONCLUDING REFLECTIONS & OUTLOOK (later on 29 May)**  
**Topics:** What was good and what could be changed; take-homes; networking opportunities.  
**Discussants:** **everyone, please join us one last time!**  
**Time:** 29 May, 9:45-10:15 pm Beijing, 3:45-4:15 pm CET, 10:45-11:15am Brasilia, 7:45-8:15 am PDT

PhD students formally enrolled participate in a 30-m session following the 1.5-h public events. They are expected to read texts before some sessions. Professors wishing to have their PhD students registered as part of their training are responsible for supervising and grading. Please contact us by 31 January 2025.

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/1emZJa75FLzbN7PPA>. All workshops are free. You can also register for individual sessions. We will provide you with details and the links to the Zoom meeting room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: [workshops@iuchpp.org](mailto:workshops@iuchpp.org).

We are looking forward to getting in conversation with you!

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