



Bridging the Gap: Building a Professional Profile as an Early-Career Researcher

Workshop Organized by the YECREA PolComm Section Representatives

As an early-career researcher (ECR), you might find yourself asking: *How can I actively shape my career moving forward?* Building a professional profile that evolves with your career interests might be an important aspect to consider, especially as your pathway as an ECR may shift over time. Whether you plan to continue an academic career or explore other opportunities in the public sector or industry, making informed decisions about how to build, advance, and highlight your profile can make a difference when transitioning to more senior roles. This *one-day workshop is aimed at ECRs* (including PhDs and postdocs) who want to explore strategies for building a profile tailored to different career paths. Participants will gain insights from experts across various fields, such as academia, the public sector and industry on how to actively shape their profile. Topics covered include how to decide what to focus on in order to build a profile that aligns with certain pathways in the post-ECR job market, how to translate skills into different contexts, and how to build networks that support career growth. Importantly, the workshop acknowledges the *unique challenges ECRs face*, such as unequal access to resources for building networks and professional profiles, and aims to address these considerations. Through *practical input and discussions with professionals who are actively navigating, shaping, or making hiring decisions within these pathways*, the workshop aims to provide actionable input on building your professional profile as an ECR – especially when resources are limited. The workshop will feature expert talks on current sector specific professional profile requirements, interactive sessions to discuss your own career narrative, and *opportunities to exchange and network* with peers and professionals in more senior positions.

Date: full-day workshop, September 3, 2025 (including a lunch break)

Address: University of Innsbruck, Universitätsstraße 15, Innsbruck, Austria

Participation fee: no more than 25€ (depending on the external funding acquisition)

This workshop takes place just before and is part of the 2025 ECREA Political Communication Interim Conference.

If you wish to participate in the workshop, **please register through the following link:**

<https://forms.gle/XeBg57HfMRsSiMd76>

DEADLINE: May 19, 2025. The number of spots is limited.

More information about the interim conference can be found here:

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/de/congress/ecreapolcomm25/>

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