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Academic career paths in Germany

Academic career paths in Germany are diverse and are accompanied by a differentiated legal framework. However, sound knowledge of academic careers is necessary in order to successfully navigate through this system, to be able to identify opportunities at the right time and to take the right path for the individual in the German academic landscape. It is precisely because of the many different regulations and funding opportunities that exist that it is necessary to plan one's own career in the long term.

In this lunch talk Dr. Braker will give an overview over the diversity of career paths that lead to a professorship in Germany, the peculiarities of different paths and will close with some facts to weigh up the individual chances to succeed on the academic career path.



Dr. habil. Gesche Braker is a microbiologist by training. After her doctorate in Germany/the US and postdoc periods in the US and Marburg, Germany, she was a group leader at the MPI in Marburg. In 2011 she habilitated and then decided in 2012 to switch from basic science to science management. From 2012 to 2018 she was the coordinator of the Integrated Marine Postdoc Network (IMAP) of the Cluster of Excellence 'The Future Ocean' in Kiel. Since 2018 she is the director of the Postdoc Center at Kiel University. In this function, she is the contact person for all researchers holding a doctorate at Kiel University and responsible for advising the presidential board and other units of the University in strategic issues related to postdoctoral careers.

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