



European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS)

EGOS Pre-Colloquium PhD Workshop

University of Bergamo, Italy

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

The **EGOS Pre-Colloquium PhD Workshop** provides an enjoyable opportunity for doctoral students to interact with and learn from fellow students and experienced scholars in our field. It also provides a springboard for successful academic careers by examining important issues such as publishing, reviewing, and how to do a “job talk”. Further, the workshop enables participants to approach their doctoral dissertations with renewed vigor by engaging in discussions on research design and methodologies with renowned colleagues and by reviewing their dissertation proposals with the help of others – fellow participants and more senior researchers who work in the respective area of scholarly inquiry. Finally, through the mix of European and international students and faculty members, participants gain exposure to similarities and differences across countries and continents in how academic processes work. This also enhances their understanding of different career opportunities and career paths.

Convenors

Frank de Bakker, IÉSEG School of Management, Lille, France | f.debakker@iesege.fr

Simone Pulcher, University of Bergamo, Italy | simone.pulcher@unibg.it

Elke Schüßler, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany & Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria | elke.schuessler@leuphana.de

Instructions for PhD students

Please ...

- Remember to register for the overall EGOS conference at [https://www.egos.org/2026 Bergamo/Colloquium-REGISTRATION](https://www.egos.org/2026_Bergamo/Colloquium-REGISTRATION)
- Please update your thesis proposal and email it to your round table facilitator/mentor and other round table participants **three weeks before the conference**. **We will share details on your mentor/roundtables closer to the date** to the extent that we are sure of your participation. Your mentor and fellow table participants will be in the same cognate area as you (or as close as we can get it).
- **NB:** Your updated proposal should include a specification of your research question, theoretical approach, and methodological approach, as well as a discussion of the main questions you would like to foreground and get feedback on during the round table: What is the most compelling part of your thesis? Which questions/challenges are you struggling with most? You should look to keep your proposal to around the four pages requested in the original call.

- On the day itself, come prepared to outline these aspects in a short (5 min) verbal presentation (no PPTs needed) and then discuss them with others on your round table. Consider that all other participants in your round table session will have read your proposal. Also, make sure to read the proposals of the other participants in your round table session.
- **For the introduction round**, please select an artefact (e.g. Playmobil, a piece of soap,...) that presents your PhD thesis and that you can show as an ice breaker, either online or onsite.