



The global collaboration plays a key role in the progress of science and academia. The PhD Academy understands this importance and is expanding its reach beyond the Czech Republic by establishing partnerships with international institutions. To provide our students with valuable learning experiences, we organize new courses that include contributions from international lecturers and provide them with valuable knowledge and perspectives.

What are we preparing for PhD students this time?

Dr. Sam Illingworth, who you may already remember from many of the courses he has presented, such as the Creating Effective Podcasts, Communicating Science Effectively, or Turning Your Research into Games, is a constant among international lecturers.

For the upcoming summer semester, Dr. Illingworth has prepared an interesting workshop on **Making an Impact with Your Research**.

In this workshop, we will introduce you to what impact is, why it matters, and how to achieve it for your research. After attending this workshop, you will have a better idea of how to identify key audiences for your research, why you want to reach them, and how you can work together to create more meaningful impact. There will also be the opportunity to ask any of your own questions.



Dr. Sam Illingworth is an expert in science communication and interdisciplinary research. With more than 75 publications and an h-index of 18, he has made a significant impact, engaging stakeholders from policy makers to community groups. Apart from his academic contributions, he is an award-winning poet and game designer. His work has gained widespread media coverage, appearing on platforms like BBC and NPR, and in outlets such as Scientific American, BuzzFeed, and Times Higher Education. Dr. Illingworth has also conducted successful writing workshops and had his plays performed by prestigious institutions like the Royal Shakespeare Company in the UK.



Another well-known figure is [Dr. Conor O'Carroll](#).

After his two successful Open Science and Researcher Integrity workshops, he will follow up with another workshop on [Research Career Planning](#).

This workshop helps participants plan post-PhD careers, acknowledging that traditional academic opportunities have diminished. Despite this, PhD graduates possess valuable skills, including advanced problem-solving, project management, teamwork, and communication skills. These skills are applicable across various sectors, challenging the misconception that academia is the sole employment path for PhD holders.

Dr. O'Carroll has a background in Physics (B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD) from University College Dublin and cross-border research experience, and he is now an independent consultant specialising in Research and Higher Education policy. His expertise, gained from roles at the European Commission, Forfás, and Science Foundation Ireland, focusses on researcher career development and innovative doctoral education.

He has played a key role in European initiatives on Open Science and doctoral training principles, actively shaping policies in Science, Research and Development, Higher Education, and Researcher Mobility. In particular, he is currently revising the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for Recruitment, demonstrating his commitment to advancing European research.

And last but not least, you can look forward to interesting courses on [Decision Making and Mindset](#) which will be presented by [Nikoloz Tarielashvili](#). If you want to be better at making decisions, and learn about changing your mindset, these courses are the right ones for you.

Nikoloz, a neuroscientist and former Harvard Medical School researcher, specialises in neuro-cognitive psychology. With a background in engineering physics, he is also a young professional in IT consulting. Having lived in four countries and been immersed in diverse cultures, his international journey fuels his passion as a motivational speaker, sharing insights from his broad professional experience.

