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## HOW TO SHAPE YOUR CAREER AND PRESENT (YOURSELF)

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FRIDAY 24 JANUARY, 10.00-17.00  
UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

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- STIJKAMER (0,06) AAN JANSKERKHOF 13. UTRECHT; 14-17.30 ALSO DRIFT 23, 0.12
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### About the workshop (1 ECTS)

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This workshop combines two topics: career perspectives and presentation skills.

**Before lunch two OIKOS alumni will discuss their career paths with you** (why this path, what do you need, how to prepare yourself, etc.). First [Mirte Liebrechts \(PhD 2023\)](#) will discuss her choices and job outside Academia. Mirte Liebrechts studied classics (UvA, Oxford University) and wrote her PhD thesis at Radboud University Nijmegen. She investigated the history of the Loeb Classical Library, which was created to make classical literature available for a general public. As commissioning editor at Amsterdam University Press she welcomes proposals for academic and general books written in Dutch. Mirte would like to tell you more about how she ended up working at AUP and will reflect on her decision to look for a job outside the university, which steps she has taken to do so (including tips!) and what exactly her current job entails. Then [Ezra la Roi \(PhD 2023\)](#) will explain his career choices, what he did, where and why. Ezra la Roi is a postdoctoral research FWO fellow at Ghent University (2023-2026), investigating the histories of performative patterns from Ancient into Post-Classical Greek (500 BCE - 600 CE). He completed his studies (bachelor and research master Classics) at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam in 2018. Between 2019 and 2023, he completed his PhD at Ghent University, titled *Counterfactuals in Ancient Greek. Pragmatics, life cycles and connected pathways* (supervisors Klaas Bentein and Rutger Allan). His PhD was a PhD-by-Publication, and the 9 papers which together make up his dissertation are published in a large variety of leading journals. In 2024, his dissertation won the third prize for the best dissertation in the field of Indo-European linguistics. During his PhD, Ezra has also collaborated with fellow linguists and papyrologists in three international projects. Ezra will gladly tell you more about the different pros and cons, challenges and pitfalls of an academic (post graduate) career.

**After lunch we will focus on presentation skills.** Academia is about more than just research qualities: (research) communication and presentations play an increasingly

important role. (Scientific) presentations for colleagues or to a broader public, a job interview or an interview for a grant application are just a few examples that underline the importance of presenting (yourself) in (and outside) academia. Research Master students and PhD candidates also have to deal with this. In this interactive workshop you are therefore going to work on the improvement of your presentation skills.

One part of this workshop pays attention to (dealing with) stress and presentation-strategies, for example: how to structure your presentation; how to adjust your presentation to your audience; and how to design adequate slides. Another part of this workshop is more about delivery and (non) verbal communication, such as body language, interaction with your audience, use of voice, answering questions, and (if necessary) pronunciation. Special attention will also be given to presentation fear and how to deal with it. You will be asked to study some relevant literature and/or prepare a short presentation before the workshop.

This presentation workshop is taught by Drs. Kick Moors & Hermen Visser MSc. Their company, [Visser Visible Communication](#), specializes in communication by academic staff to audiences within and outside academia. They helped a number of OIKOS members prepare for e.g. ERC/VENI/VIDI interviews.

## Program

09:45 - 10:10	Walk-in and welcome ( <b>Stijkamer</b> )
10:10 - 10:15	Opening words by Gerry Wakker, director of OIKOS
10:15 - 11:15	Mirte Liebregts: <i>Work and live outside academia?</i>
11:15 - 12:15	Ezra la Roi: <i>Work and life in academia?</i>
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
13.15 - 14.15	Workshop Presentation Skills Part I. a. how to deal with stress; b. how to design your presentation
14.15 - 15.15	Workshop Presentation Skills Part 2 - working in two groups (each with their own instructor). Group 1 in de <b>Stijkamer</b> , group 2 in <b>Drift 23, 0.12</b>
15:15 - 15.30	Break
15:30 - 16:30	Workshop Presentation Skills Part II. working in two groups (switching instructors)
16.30 - 17.00	Closure ( <b>Stijkamer</b> )
17.00 -	Optional: Borrel (location t.b.a.)

NB: If you have any questions about this workshop, feel free to contact the OIKOS-coordinate via email: [oikos@rug.nl](mailto:oikos@rug.nl).