



Let's get it started!

Advancing new directions in career research

CarCon 2024 @ VU Amsterdam

📍 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Campus

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Recent review articles in career research have provided an overview of most of the major career theories and concepts, such as career success, calling, boundaryless careers, protean careers, meaningful work, employability, and many more. It's clear that we have a wealth of knowledge in our field! But does this mean we're done researching careers? No! These articles also formulate advice on how to take research into new directions. At the same time, new perspectives are emerging, such as sustainable careers, career ecosystems, career inaction, career and occupational regret, and career shocks. And other disciplines also contribute valuable knowledge, for instance, about work-nonwork issues and non-standard work. In short: this is an exciting time for career research with many opportunities for novel and innovative directions. So, have we already gotten started researching these new directions? That's exactly what we want to address at CarCon 2024!

Keynotes

The conference features exciting keynotes by Mina Beigi (UK), Frederick P. Morgeson (US), and Sharon Parker (AUS). They will bring in their perspectives from the broader OB, Management, and Psychology areas to highlight opportunities and initiate conversations to advance career research.

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Keynote Speakers



Mina Beigi

Mina is a Professor of Career Studies at the University of Southampton. She studies the work-nonwork interface, career success, and understudied careers using in-depth qualitative methodologies. In so doing, her aim is to provide insights into unexplored career trajectories and under-researched contexts in how individuals navigate their careers and personal and professional lives.



Sharon Parker

Sharon Kaye Parker is an Australian academic and John Curtin Distinguished Professor in organizational behavior at Curtin University. She is a world-leading researcher on the topic of work design, as well as other topics such as proactivity, mental health, and job performance. Her research has been cited more than 37,000 times internationally and she has also been recognised as one of the world's most influential scientists and social scientists in 2019.



Frederick P. Morgeson

Frederick P. Morgeson (Ph.D., Purdue University) is the Eli Broad Professor of Management at Michigan State University and the current and founding Editor of the Annual Review of Organizational Psychology and Organizational Behavior. His research covers a broad range of topics in OB and management, such as work design and leadership. He also introduced event systems theory.

With the second edition of Careers-Division Community Conference, we want to focus on the advancements in new research directions in career studies. What suggestions from recent review articles are being researched now? How are studies empirically examining new career theories and concepts? In short, the primary aim of CarCon 2024 is to create an active exchange between (career) researchers who conduct research that brings into practice recent ideas about how we can move the field forward. This, of course, also includes new ideas that have not been suggested yet! We hope that the collection of presentations and sessions at the conference will allow us to inspire each other about current developments and future trends.

Interested in participating?

Abstracts for papers, symposiums and professional development workshops are welcome! **Submit your 1500-word abstract by 1 October, 2023.** We will review submissions and inform you of our decision by 15 November, 2023. More information on submissions and registrations will follow!

We also plan to organize a dedicated hybrid track that can facilitate participation for those unable to travel to Amsterdam.

More information

This meeting is made possible by the Careers Division of the Academy of Management, supported by the VU Department of Management and Organization, School of Business and Economics.

In case you have any remaining questions, please contact: Jos Akkermans, j.akkermans@vu.nl