

How to survive your first years of postdoc

A practical event for PhD candidates and early-career postdocs navigating academia.
Choosing a lab • spotting red flags • PI reputation • scientific independence

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16:30 | Adolphe Merkle Institute, Auditorium
Hybrid event | **Join us in Fribourg or online**
Apéro from 18:00

REGISTRATION REQUIRED → <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9tJfKwVZy7Q?pwd=7VDR7eRwzLiwnCu7Q>

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Dr. Andrea Dodero

Group Leader • Adolphe Merkle Institute

Studies the self-assembly of polymers and colloids, with a focus on structural colour, responsive systems and adaptable functional materials.



Prof. Carla Fernández-Rico

Assistant Professor • Institute of Science and Technology Austria

Her research lies at the intersection of soft matter physics, materials science and living systems. She established her ISTA group in 2026.



Dr. Mohammad Peydayesh

Senior Scientist & Lecturer • ETH Zurich

Develops sustainable materials from protein nanofibrils and agri-food waste, including technologies for water purification. Swiss Young Academy member since 2024.



Dr. Anasua Mukhopadhyay

Group Leader • Adolphe Merkle Institute

She develops single-molecule and nanopore-based methods to detect and characterize protein biomarkers involved in neurodegenerative diseases.



MODERATED BY

Dr. Mariano Barella

Group Leader • Adolphe Merkle Institute

Physicist specializing in custom optical microscopy, optical tweezers, super-resolution microscopy, plasmonics and DNA origami, with extensive experience in teaching, mentoring and outreach.

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