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REDI Conference 2026

Agenda

Venue: TBS Education

Carrer de Veneçuela, 116, 08019 Barcelona



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About the REDI Conference

RMIT Europe is delighted to bring together members of the REDI Program and the wider scientific community for its final conference, a showcase and celebration of the REDI fellows as they conclude their doctoral studies.

The agenda has been designed with the following objectives in mind:

- Celebrate the achievements of the REDI Program.
- Showcase achievements and results from the REDI fellows' doctoral research.
- Reflect on learnings, good practices and lessons from the REDI Program.
- Learn about different careers available after finishing a PhD from people working in diverse areas from industry and academia, including entrepreneurs and researchers who have set up their own labs.
- Build connections through networking activities and explore new collaborations and research ideas.

Event venue

TBS Education
Carrer de Venèçuela, 116
Sant Martí
08019 Barcelona

Photography and videography

There will be a professional photographer at the event on 21 and 22 July. Members of the RMIT Europe team will also be taking photos and short videos for social media. Videos and photographs from the REDI Conference may be used on the REDI website, REDI social media and REDI partner channels.



About the REDI Program

The **REDI (RMIT European Doctoral Innovators) Program** is a unique PhD training program offering industry-supported positions across Europe and international secondments at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. This unique community brings together 40 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) fellows conducting doctoral research in diverse topics spanning science, engineering, design and architecture. REDI brings together academic and industry leaders across 60+ supporting partners.

REDI is coordinated by **RMIT Europe**, the European hub of RMIT University, a global university of technology, design and enterprise with campuses in Australia and Vietnam. Based in Barcelona, RMIT Europe is the university's gateway for European research, industry, government and enterprise to innovation and talent in Australia and Asia.



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PhD Research Showcase and Career Day

On 21 and 22 July, we welcome the wider scientific community to the **PhD Research Showcase and Career Day**.

PhD Research Showcase – 21 July

MSCA Fellows from the REDI Program will present results, achievements and breakthroughs from their research. For more information, refer to the REDI Conference [abstract booklet](#).

PhD Career Day – 22 July

Explore diverse career opportunities possible after a PhD through presentations and discussions with doctoral graduates.

The PhD Career Day is a collaboration between RMIT Europe, the [Bridging Science and Business Working Group of the MCAA](#), the [MCAA Spain-Portugal Chapter](#) and [ACCIÓ](#) (L'Agència per a la Competitivitat de L'Empresa).

How to participate online

Hybrid sessions can be accessed via the following links:

Sessions in the **Aula Magna**: <https://tbs-education-fr.zoom.us/j/97968820087?pwd=eQybq8ezLYzJb6FkY5kgSSJYXIfG2H.1>

Sessions in **Rooms 102 and 103**: <https://tbs-education-fr.zoom.us/j/92486983022?pwd=DSgLaGOiJnEWxFIiDz1W8IDrNgYk6.1>



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Networking guide

To facilitate networking at the REDI Conference, participants have been assigned symbols on their name badges according to the discipline or area of expertise they specified during the event registration process.

Using these symbols as a reference, we encourage you to make new connections, explore new collaborations or simply enter into conversations on different topics!

Discipline key

-  Advanced Manufacturing and Materials
-  Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science
-  Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
-  Urban Studies, Architecture and Built Environment
-  Sustainability, Circular Economy and Environmental Innovation
-  Aerospace, Mobility and Transport Systems
-  Natural Sciences, Chemistry and Physics
-  Health, Bioengineering and Life Sciences
-  Business, Management and Innovation Studies
-  Social Sciences, Culture and Humanities

Time CET	Session	Location
9:00 - 9:30	Registration and welcome coffee	Attic (level 7)
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome and opening remarks Welcome by Marta Fernandez, CEO, RMIT Europe Video message by Distinguished Professor Calum Drummond, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation and Vice-President, RMIT University REDI Program overview by Kinga Konya, Project Manager, RMIT Europe	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
10:00 - 10:45	REDI online presentations REDI fellows on secondment in Melbourne will connect online to give a short update on their research. Presenters: • Nabi Agzamov, 5th Studio and RMIT University • Mazhar Iqbal, ICN2 and RMIT University • Ridhima Kaul, FH Aachen and RMIT University • Runeal Ramma, CIMNE and RMIT University • Eslam Salaheldin, University of Twente and RMIT University • Qing Yu, Politecnico di Milano and RMIT University	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break	Attic (level 7)

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11:15 - 12:45	REDI panel: Circular economy and climate adaptation REDI fellows from different research disciplines come together in this multidisciplinary panel to discuss circular economy and climate adaptation and how their research addresses global challenges. Speakers: • Jose Manuel Crego Lozares, TU Hamburg and RMIT University • Charu Negi, Max Planck Institute and RMIT University • Ananthakrishna Sajithkumar, Eurecat and RMIT University • Daniel Stabler, LUT University and RMIT University • Francesca Vanelli, Politecnico di Milano and RMIT University Moderated by Doina Huso, University of Agder and RMIT University	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
12:45 - 14:15	Networking lunch in the poster session/exhibition area Standing lunch for participants to view posters and talk to exhibitors.	Attic (level 7)
14:15 - 15:45	REDI panel: Liveable and inclusive cities and communities REDI fellows from different research disciplines come together in this multidisciplinary panel to discuss liveable and inclusive cities and communities and how their research addresses global challenges. Speakers: • Milica Bozic, Politecnico di Milano and RMIT University • Ali Khamis, Aalto University and RMIT University • Björn Komander, IIIA-CSIC and RMIT University • Viet Hung Pham, TU Eindhoven and RMIT University Moderated by Yaxin Zheng, TU Eindhoven and RMIT University	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
15:45 - 17:15	Networking coffee in the poster session/exhibition area Coffee break for participants to view posters and talk to exhibitors.	Attic (level 7)

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9:00 - 9:30	Registration and welcome coffee	Attic (level 7)
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome and opening remarks Welcome by Maria Gabriela Irrazabal, Research Fellow, RMIT Europe Opening presentation by Joaquin Capablo, Vice-Chair, MCAA Board	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
10:00 - 11:30	Info session: MSCA postdoctoral and ERC opportunities Presentation and Q&A with Xavier Ronald Eekhout Chicharro, EURAXESS Spain and MSCA NCP Spain Presentation and Q&A with Julio Marchamalo Amado, ERC and MSCA NCP Spain	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break	Attic (level 7)



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12:00 - 13:30	Roundtable discussion: Careers after the PhD Academics and experienced researchers from both academia and industry are invited to share their own career paths after completing their PhD. This session is divided in two blocks of 45 minutes (guided questions and Q&A). The first block focuses on careers in academia whilst the second block focuses on careers in industry. Careers in research and academia Speakers: • Michele Chiumenti, Professor, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya • Dorota Natalia Komar, Senior Scientist, Eurecat • Rosa Vilaplana, Head of Sustainable Food and Farming Systems Team, CT BETA UVic Moderated by Daniel Stabler, REDI fellow, LUT University and RMIT University Careers beyond academia Speakers: • Richard Dasselaar, Chairman and Advisor - Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cardiology and Costing Working Group, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth • Daniel Esteban-Ferrer, CEO, VRAIn • Franziska Püschel, Brand Lead Oncology, AstraZeneca • Pietro Tonini, CEO, Tectum Garden Moderated by Misia Czaplicka, REDI fellow, Polytechnic University of Turin and RMIT University	Aula Magna (level 7) or click to join online
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch	TBS cafeteria (ground floor)
14:30 - 15:00	Innovation and technology transfer Motivational talk by Nelson García-Polanco, Chair, MCAA Spain-Portugal Chapter	Rooms 102 and 103 (level 1)



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Time CET	Session	Location
15:00 - 16:30	Interactive round table discussions with academia and industry Rotating sessions between invited guests (academia, industry, startups, technological centres, non-profit entities, etc.) and conference participants. After a short introduction, participants will gather in small groups around a table for a short Q&A with their selected speakers. After 20 minutes, participants will move to their next chosen table. Table 1 – Careers in research (technology centre) Chat with a scientist, communicator and PI (epigenetics and biomarker research): Dorota Natalia Komar, Senior Scientist, Eurecat Table 2– Postdoctoral (MSCA) research careers Chat with Cecilia Gonzales, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow (AuSpire Program), Cetaqua Table 3 – Postdoctoral research and research funding in Spain Chat with Jorge Albalad, Ramón y Cajal Researcher and Subgroup Leader at ICN2 Table 4 – Careers in industry Chat with Franziska Püschel, Brand Lead Oncology, AstraZeneca Table 5: Learn more about MSCA and ERC opportunities at postdoctoral level Chat with Xavier Ronald Eekhout Chicharro, EURAXESS Spain and MSCA NCP Spain and Julio Marchamalo Amado, ERC and MSCA NCP Spain Table 6: Entrepreneurship and science Chat with Murat Gunes, Chair of the MCAA BSB Working Group and Nelson García Polanco, Chair of MCAA Spain-Portugal Chapter	Rooms 102 and 103 (level 1)



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15:00 - 16:30	Interactive round table discussions with academia and industry (continued) Table 7: Careers in research translation Chat with Simone Fratta, Research Translation Manager, Cancer Research Horizons and Blanca Pina, Vice-Chair of of the MCAA BSB Working Group Table 8: Careers in project management Chat with Joaquin Capablo, Chair, MCAA Board who is managing the MSCA postdoctoral programme Iberus Experience in Zaragoza, Spain Table 9: Careers in medtech, healthcare, AI strategy and governance Chat with Richard Dasselaar, Chairman and Advisor - Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Cardiology and Costing Working Group, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth	Rooms 102 and 103 (level 1)
16:30 - 17:30	Farewell coffee	Attic (level 7)



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