

## Seminar announcement

# Career Insights Online: Microbiology Research & Lab Management

Find out about  
career paths of marine &  
climate scientists!

What is their current job like?  
How did they get it?  
Which skills do they need?

for young researchers enrolled in PhD programs and postdocs  
at the marine institutes in Bremen, Bremerhaven and Oldenburg

with: **Dr. Antje Stahl**

After receiving her M.Sc. degree within the MarMic program, Antje obtained her Ph.D. in Marine Microbiology at Jacobs University Bremen, funded by a POLMAR scholarship of the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI). Afterwards, she worked for more than seven years in a private analytical food and feed laboratory, where she held various positions and areas of work. Since 2023, she has been the head of the Working Group Microbiology at the Institute for Materials Testing (MPA), part of Leibniz-Institute for Materials Engineering (IWT), in Bremen. This position combines both analytical services and research activities.

**Dr. Stefan Schimpf**

With a background in Geography and a PhD in Sedimentology, which he completed alongside full-time employment, Stefan Schimpf has built his career at the interface of science, laboratory practice, and management. Over eight years at Wartig Nord Analytik GmbH in Hamburg, he introduced a LIMS, established an ISO 17025 quality system, and advanced to co-owner and authorised officer. After several years of self-employment as a consultant and expert assessor for the German Accreditation Body (DakS), he joined Eurofins, where he built up and led a new asbestos analytics company in Berlin through its first accreditation and market start. Since 2025, he has been Managing Director of Nußbeck Laborgesellschaft mbH, responsible for the Hamburg site and the development of a new laboratory in Berlin. His career shows how curiosity, timing, persistence — and a bit of luck — can open diverse paths beyond academia.

**Date & time:** December 5, 2025 at 14:00 – 15:30

**Format:** online meeting via Zoom or Webex

**Language:** English

**Participants:** maximum of 50

**Target group:** Early career scientists who are interested in broadening their horizon and getting new ideas for their own future career development.

**Registration:** [HiFis Indico Platform](#)

The seminar format **Career Insights Online** aims at introducing different job perspectives for marine and climate scientists in the widest sense and offers the possibility to get in touch with former members of the Marine Graduate Schools in Oldenburg, Bremen and Bremerhaven. It focusses on career paths outside of academia and will give insights into job fields in, e. g. industry, (public) administration, consulting, and journalism. Speakers are asked to talk about their current position, the interdisciplinary skills they achieved during their doctorate, the career steps they took, as well as about work-family-life-balance. After their presentation, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions to the speakers.