

Seminar/Talk

No Margin for Error: Navigating Academia without a Financial Safety Net

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Host: EDI office

Günes Taylor will explore financial security as an often-overlooked dimension of diversity in science and reflect on how financial circumstances can shape academic careers, opportunities, and personal choices. "An academic career is a series of watershed transitions: undergraduate, master, PhD or postdoc. Reaching each new rung of the professional ladder is an achievement, but the next is never guaranteed. With every transition comes a new period of uncertainty and a new set of personal and financial risks. Yet the consequences of that uncertainty are not the same for everyone. Without family wealth or a financial safety net, there is far less room for things to go wrong." Drawing on her own experience as a political refugee and a foreign scientist in the UK, Günes Taylor will explore how financial security intersects with gender, migration, and belonging in shaping a career in science. In particular, she will reflect on the cumulative impact of navigating academia without a financial buffer, from the career choices scientists make to the lives and families they hope to build. Program:3:30 p.m. - Opening words3:40 - 4:30 p.m. - Diversity in Science Talk4:30 p.m. - Open Q&A session5:00 p.m. - Reception in the Foyer of the Raiffeisen Lecture HallPlease note that on the following day, November 20, Dr. Taylor will also have a scientific seminar “Specification and Activation of Pregranulosa Cells within the Amniote Ovary“, at 10 a.m. in the Mondi 2 room (Central Building, O1)About Dr. TaylorDr Günes Taylor is a Chancellor's Fellow and Principal Investigator in the Centre of Reproductive Health at the University of Edinburgh. As a molecular biologist she uses many cutting-edge technologies to understand how reproductive systems are built. Her research program seeks to unravel details of ovarian function, with the ultimate hope of developing solutions for women’s health and fertility. She also is a trustee of The Genetics Society, previously being the Magazine Editor and recently being appointed the VP of Membership.https://www.gunestaylor.com/Short bio:Chancellor's Fellow / Principal Investigator in Centre of Reproductive Health at the University of EdinburghPostdoctoral Fellow in the Lovell-Badge Lab at the Francis Crick Institute in LondonDPhil in the Sauka-Spengler Lab at the University of OxfordMSci in Human Genetics at the University of NottinghamTransportation: In addition to the regular ISTA shuttle bus, a special shuttle will depart from Heiligenstadt at 2:45 p.m., with a stop at Klosterneuburg Stadtplatz, and will return from ISTA to Heiligenstadt at 6:45 p.m. Click HERE for more information.The aim is to organize the event in accordance with the criteria of the Austrian Ecolabel for Green Meetings. If you have any questions about the event's sustainability standards, please contact the Green Event Officer Julia

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Thursday, November 19, 2026 03:30pm - 05:00pm

Raiffeisen Lecture Hall

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