

Postdoc-Event

“Habilitation – must have or redundant?”

03 June 2022
11:00 – 12:30 h

Location: GEOMAR Westshore large conference room (DW20 – R.075)

Twenty years ago, habilitation was considered the most prestigious and safest qualification path to a professorship in Germany. Today habilitation is, in principle, not a formal prerequisite for a professorship. Since 2002, there have been alternative and equally valid ways to qualify for a professorship via a junior professorship or a tenure track because the Higher Education Act was adopted. The introduction of externally funded junior research groups, whose leaders can gain leadership and supervisory experience during this time, has also changed the qualification landscape once more.

What significance does the habilitation still have for a scientific/academic career in Germany today? Who should pursue a habilitation? And what requirements must a person fulfill for habilitation?

We want to discuss these and other questions at our postdoc event on 03 June 2022 from 11 am to 12:30 pm with the **Vice Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Holger Kersten**, and three scientists from the marine sciences, who each bring different experiences and life paths:

1. **Prof. Silja Klepp**, Human Geography, CAU | Professorship without habilitation
2. **Dr. Christa Marandino**, Leader of the working group ‘TRASE-EC’,
GEOMAR | Habilitation without professorship
3. **Prof. Heidrun Kopp**, Leader of the Research Division ‘Dynamics of the Ocean Floor’,
GEOMAR | Professorship with habilitation

The event will be held in English.

We are looking forward to an exciting exchange. Following the event we prepared some networking opportunity with snacks and drinks.

Please give us notice by mail, if you want to join the event.

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For further information:

<https://www.futureocean.org/en/cluster/events/event.php?id=3761>

Background

The Future Ocean Network organized a Postdoc Event every first Friday of the month. The aim of the event series was to enable networking and professional exchange among interested postdocs of all faculties and partner institutions. After a series of early career academics in leading positions having presented their professional development, working methods and fields of research, the event now focuses on specific questions regarding academic career development. In future, the status group-overarching program for early career marine scientists “FYORD – Foster Young Ocean Researcher Development” will maintain the postdoc network.