

AIB CEE Chapter conference – Poznan 2026
Doctoral Colloquium and Junior Faculty Consortium

Monday, September 21, 2026

1. AIB CEE Chapter Doctoral Colloquium:

Chair: Matt Raskovic, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand (contact: matt.raskovic@aut.ac.nz)

Submission date: 1.07.2026

Submission process: *AIB submission system will open by 8.05.2026 (separate information will be sent around)*

Submission format: five-page PhD proposal (excl. references) outlining the following

- Title/working title of PhD research project
- 300-word introduction about the candidate's background, personal motivation for pursuing a PhD, stage of PhD journey and personal motivation for the PhD topic
- Main research question and sub-questions
- Brief literature review and clearly articulated theoretical gap motivating the research
- Overview of key theoretical framework(s) (i.e., which theories are you using and *why*)
- Research design (i.e., data, methodology, operationalisation, level of analysis)
- Overview of empirical phenomenon (if applicable)
- Key contributions (i.e., theoretical contributions, managerial implications, policy implications, future research directions)

2. AIB CEE Chapter Junior Faculty Consortium:

Chair: Noemi Sinkovics, Newcastle University, UK (contact: noemi.sinkovics@newcastle.ac.uk)

Submission date: 1.07.2026

Submission process: *AIB submission system will open by 8.05.2026 (separate information will be sent around)*

Submission format:

- three-page motivational statement (i.e., personal motivation for attending the JFC, specific questions you are seeking answers to, your research identity and types of research you are doing)
- Full academic CV (incl. education background, teaching, research and academic citizenship)

TENTATIVE PROPOSAL

Time	Doctoral Colloquium	Junior Faculty Consortium
8:30am-9am	<i>Morning tea and coffee</i>	
9am-9:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Official welcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUEB representative (Barbara or Lukasz?) • Andreja Jaklič, AIB CEE Chapter Chair and Associate Dean Research at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia • Noemi Sinkovics, Associate Dean Ethics, Sustainability and Responsibility at Newcastle University, UK and AIB UK & Ireland Chair and WAIB President • Matt Raskovic, Associate Dean Postgraduate at AUT and AIB VPA 	
9:30am – 11am	<p style="text-align: center;">“Crafting important, interesting and meaningful PhD projects”</p> <p>The session will focus on the following aspects of PhD projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a topic interesting, important and impactful – reconciling phenomena, context and theoretical originality? • Coming up with interesting research questions • Identifying theoretical gaps and crafting theoretical contributions 	<p style="text-align: center;">Building a coherent academic profile</p> <p>This session will focus on how early-career scholars can develop a clear, credible, and sustainable academic profile over time. It will reflect on how research, teaching, engagement, and professional visibility can be developed in a coherent way, and how strategic choices can support long-term academic development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a clear sense of your scholarly identity • Aligning research, teaching, and engagement in a coherent way • Positioning your work for visibility and contribution • Building networks, collaborations, and professional presence • Making choices that support long-term academic development
11am – 11:30am	<i>Refresh break</i>	
11:30am – 1pm	<p style="text-align: center;">“Feedback round tables”</p> <p>This session is envisaged as a series of interactive round tables facilitated by one mentor and consisting of 3-4 PhD students per table. Students will receive feedback from a mentor on their written submissions and also give/receive feedback from their peers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“Early-career academic careers in practice: myths, realities, and lessons learned”</p> <p>This session is envisaged as a moderated panel in which senior academics will reflect candidly on the realities of academic career development. Rather than offering a single blueprint for success, the panel will explore common misconceptions, unexpected turning points, competing demands, and practical lessons from different career journeys. The session is intended to be interactive, with the first 45 minutes dedicated to the moderated panel discussion and the remaining 45 minutes to audience Q&A.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common myths about academic careers and how they compare with reality• Different pathways to building a successful and sustainable career• Trade-offs between research, teaching, service, and leadership• Challenges, setbacks, and unexpected turning points in academic life• Practical lessons for navigating the early-career stage
1pm-2pm	<i>Lunch</i>	