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Navigating Research Collaborations

- Instructor:** Dr Matteo Garavoglia
- Date & Time:** Wednesday, 6. May 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
and Monday, 11. May 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (s.t.)
- Place:** Online
- Registration:** To register, please send an email to weiterbildung@lifbi.de by April 15, 2026. Registration is mandatory. The number of participants is limited to 12.

Short Outline

This online workshop supports postdoctoral researchers in developing key skills needed to lead and contribute to collaborative research projects. Participants will explore communication strategies, conflict resolution, and team leadership in both formal and informal settings. The training also covers effective facilitation of online and in-person meetings, negotiation of diverse interests, and the role of academic networks in successful collaboration. In a networked research environment, strong communication and leadership skills are essential - whether you are officially leading a project or coordinating informally. The workshop aims to provide postdoctoral researchers with tools and strategies needed to manage research collaborations effectively and with confidence. Through hands-on exercises, case studies, and peer exchange, participants will develop a personal toolkit of methods to enhance their involvement in collaborative research projects.

Participants will learn to:

- Apply communication strategies that foster clear, constructive, and inclusive dialogue in diverse teams,
- Use conflict management techniques to identify and resolve tensions in a solution-oriented way,
- Understand and practice team leadership, even without a formal leadership title,
- Facilitate effective meetings, both online and in person,
- Employ negotiation methods to balance different interests and goals within a project,
- Build and maintain academic networks as a foundation for successful collaboration.

The workshop is mainly aimed at postdoctoral researchers. In case of any vacant places, it is open to anyone interested.



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About the Trainer

Matteo Garavoglia is Professor of Practice at the Department of International Relations and Research Director at the Centre for China-EU Relations at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He is also Senior Research Associate at the SEESOX Programme at the University of Oxford and Senior Fellow at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI). Previously, he worked at the Brookings Institution (Washington, DC), the Hertie School (Berlin), Johns Hopkins SAIS, Bocconi University (Milan) and Sciences Po (Paris), among others. He was educated at the University of London (BA), Sciences Po Paris (MA) and Freie Universität Berlin (PhD). He has lived in 11 countries on 5 continents and speaks Italian, English, Spanish, French and some German. His provides workshops on the following topics: Preparation for the thesis defence; Team communication & interculturality; Rhetoric & public speaking; Leadership and supervision in academia; Networking and visibility; Introduction to life and academia in Germany; Successful third-party funding applications; Academic writing; Lateral leadership & collaboration; Diversity and inclusion.