

# Careers in Chaos: Career Education for a Changing Global Market



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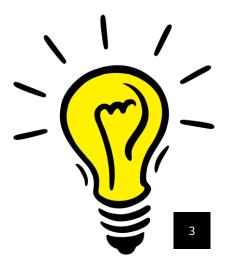


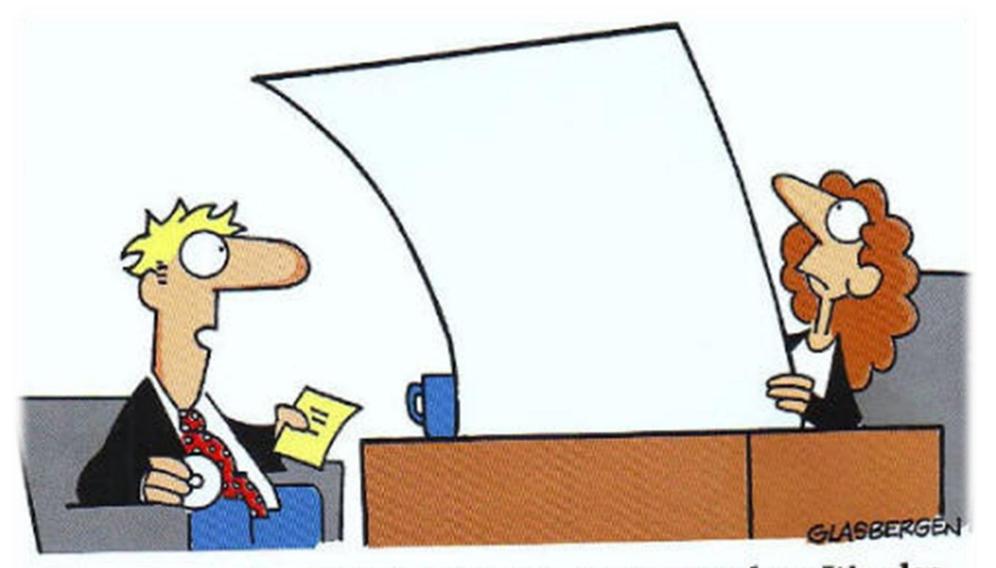
#### What are students' needs in the 21st century?





- Career Direction & Exploration Clarifying goals and exploring career paths.
- **Job Market Orientation** Understanding opportunities and how to access them.
- **CV & LinkedIn Improvement** Creating strong materials and an online presence.
- **Interview Preparation** Building confidence and communication skills.
- Strengths Mapping Identifying and presenting personal strengths.







"I want my résumé to be the one you remember. It's also available as a music video, interpretive dance, and a haiku."

#### **Future**

- Changing jobs and fields several times
- New jobs Al revolution; robots, green jobs
- Career over 60
- Global careers



#### **Employability Skills**



Leadership

**Planning** 

**Self-management** 

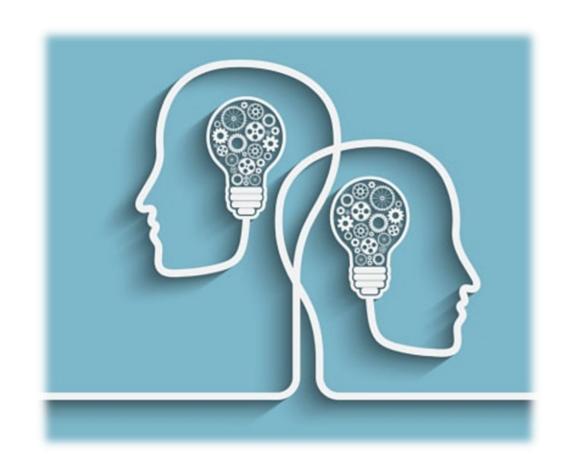
**Teamwork** 

**Business awareness** 

Communication

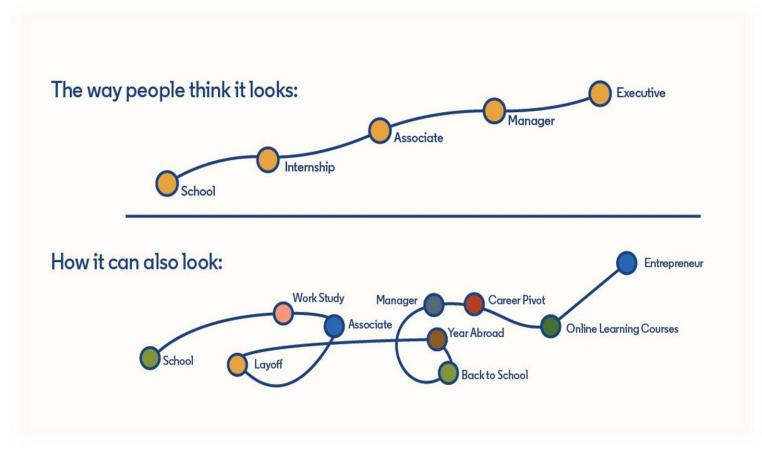
Creativity

**Initiative** 



#### **Persistent Career Myths**





"We still teach students to plan careers as if the world were predictable."

# From Control to Curiosity: Two Theories That Changed How I Teach Careers



#### **Chaos Theory of Careers**

The world of work is **complex**, **changing**, **and unpredictable**.

- Small events can create big shifts (The Butterfly Effect).
- The goal is not control, but adaptability.

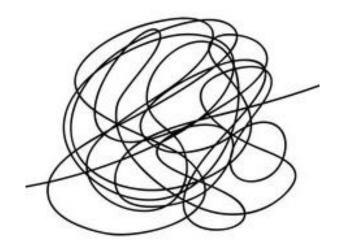
#### **Happenstance Learning Theory**

Unplanned events are not accidentsthey are opportunities to learn and grow.

 Happenstance means learning to create your own luck through curiosity, openness, and readiness to act.

Krumboltz

Pryor & Bright



Out of **chaos**, a Career seminar **emerges.** 

Shift happens, and the course changes.



#### **CAREER SEMINAR - What We Have Piloted So Far:**



#### 3 Universities:







#### **3 Formats:**

NAME: DURATION: STUD.(COURSES):

Short 2\*180 60 (2)

Half 6\*90 90 (3)

Full 12\*90 110 (6)

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**Pilots** 



#### **How We Evaluate**



#### **QUALITATIVE**

#### **Open reflections**

What did you learn?
What could we do differently next time?
Would you recommend the faculty to
continue offering this course? Why?

This course gave me a push. I realised a career isn't about waiting for luck — it's about knowing yourself and shaping your own opportunities.

#### **QUANTITATIVE**

#### **CDSE (Taylor & Betz)**

CDSE SF	PRE		POST		Cohen
Domain	M1	SD1	M2	SD2	d
Self-Appraisal	3,0	1,0	3,7	0,8	0,7
Occupational Info	2,9	0,9	3,8	0,9	1,0
Goal Selection	3,0	1,1	4,1	0,8	1,1
Planning	3,2	1,1	4,0	0,8	0,8
Problem Solving	2,9	1,2	3,9	0,7	1,0
Total (25 items)	3,0	1,1	3,9	0,8	0,9

#### **Cohen's d effect size guide**

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Cohen d comparison CDSE SF	SHORT	HALF	FULL STEM	FULL HUMANITIES
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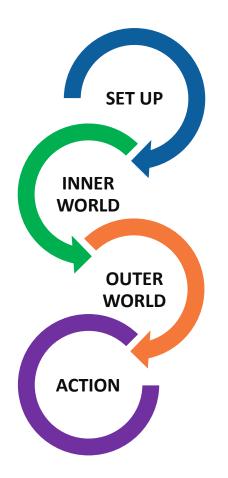




#### **Career Seminar - Latest Iteration**



#### **Content**



#### **Completion Requirements**

- 2-5 Career Talks
- 3-month idea plan
- Letter to my future self (motivation letter)
- Chaos kit

#### **Inner World: Understanding Yourself**





**Work values** 

WANDERING MAP

**DELI** 

**Patterns** 

**Goals** 

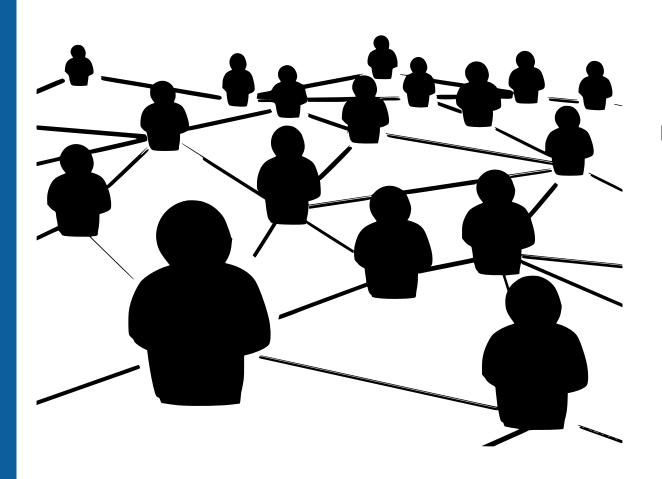
Odyssey Plan

Plan B

**Goal:** To know there are many possible options.

#### **Outer World: Exploring the Landscape**





#### **Planned chance events**

Elevator pitch

**Career fairs** 

Networking

Linked in

Research gate

List of interesting people

**Goal:** To find how to borrow someone's brain.

#### **Action: Experiment and Connect**





#### **Cool questions**

#### **Positive uncertainty**

Obstacles in our minds

**CHAOS KIT** 

**Goal:** To overcome a million reasons why not.

#### How we work in the course





Think it through

They think about it.



Write it down

They write it down in their workbook.



Say it aloud

They explain it to a peer.

**Workbook - Handouts - Homework** 



# FUTURE

#### **COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

TRAIN MORE PEOPLE TO SPREAD CHAOS

**WORKBOOK 2.0** 

### Thank you?

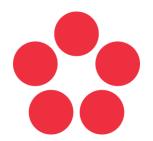
#### You are welcome

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I am sorry

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#### What do you think about this course?

#### How do you think your students would perceive it?



## What do students need nowadays?

What can help our international students?

Challenges ahead of our international and domestic students regarding their Careers.



#### Do such programmes of career education have a place in HE?

**WHY YES?** 

WHY NO?

