Power of Networking

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Workshop objectives

- To expand your perspective on how networking (both digital and physical) can help you to:
- Develop a network of useful contacts in your HEI
- In professional communities (also digital ones)

aiming to find a new source of inspiration, support, ideas, projects, funding and to contibute to your own career development.



NETWORKING by Oxford dictionary

- the action or process of interacting with others to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts.
- Business opportunities
- Building a team of people
- Creation of a list of people with mutual interest
- Making impression than can help later
- Learning from experience of others
- Develop your EQ skills and self confidence



How do you network?

- I visit conferences and STW, keeping business cards
- I do Google search for contacts and make sure my own record appears
- I add everyone to Facebook (Instagram, X, etc.)
- I ask colleagues if they know someone who might help me
- I have LinkedIn account, but keep it passive
- I have LinkedIn account, am active, participate in groups
- I am an active member of clubs, associations, etc.



Our club and associations















LINKEDIN – WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

 WHAT DO YOU THINK OF LINKEDIN?

REALITY



VS





Anakin Skywalker

Assistant to the Emperor

WHAT`S
 YOUR
 PURPOSE TO
 USE
 LINKEDIN?

Darth Vader, LORD

CEO, Death Star 1 & 2 |
Chief of Staff to the Supreme Chancellor |
Dark Lord of the Sith | Chosen One, Jedi Order |
Jedi Ghost | Ex-Jedi Knight |
Ex-General, Grand Army of the Republic |
Star Fighter Pilot | Podracing Prodigy
Midichlorian Count Galaxy Record Holder |
Lobbyist | (Dark) Thought Leader | Activist
Force Phenom | Inventor | Lightsabersmith |
Husband to Senator Amidala |
Father to a princess, which technically makes me a King |
Father, Luke's Father | Child of a Virgin Birth |
One-and-only Jedi Master Turn Sith Lord Turn Jedi Ghost



STW PARTICIPANTS LINKEDIN CHECK

- Closed accounts (no option to send message, just to follow)
- Doubled accounts
- No photo
- No affiliation with a university
- Different spelling of the university
- No recent activity



LINKEDIN FOR ACADEMIC STAFF

- Become findable
- LinkedIn summary = your own pitch, your USP, your personal brand
- Digital address book, digital business cards collection
- CV, certificates, links to your posts, presentations etc.
- Invitations to events and projects



LINKEDIN FOR ACADEMIC STAFF

- Groups, communities, Q&A find a program, project, co-author, event
- Share your own events!
- Make a survey!
- Follow institutions and find a job or a project!
- It helps you to increase your ranking in Google
- Connects you to business industry and other stakeholders
- Provides you with industry news

















International Conference

Emerging Trends in Economics, Culture and Humanities

Emerging Trends in Economics, Culture and Humanities (etECH2024)

Event by JELENA TITKO

- Apr 24, 2024, 6:00 PM Apr 25, 2024, 11:00 PM (your local time) Add to calendar **
- Jürmala, Jürmala, LV SemaraH Hotel Lielupe Spa & Conferences
- Event link https://etech.eka.edu.lv/



Dr. Karina Zalcmane and 9 other attendees





Comments

Networking



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I am so glad to announce EKA International Academic Week 2024 registration is now open! See you on April 22-26 in Riga!





Mon, Apr 22, 2024, 10:30 AM - Fri, Apr 26, 2024, 5:00 PM EEST

View event

EKA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC WEEK 2024, APRIL 22-26







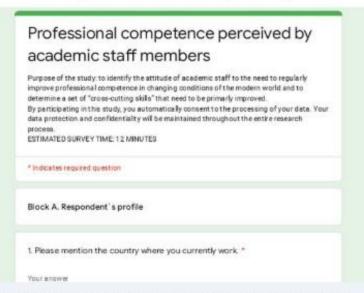


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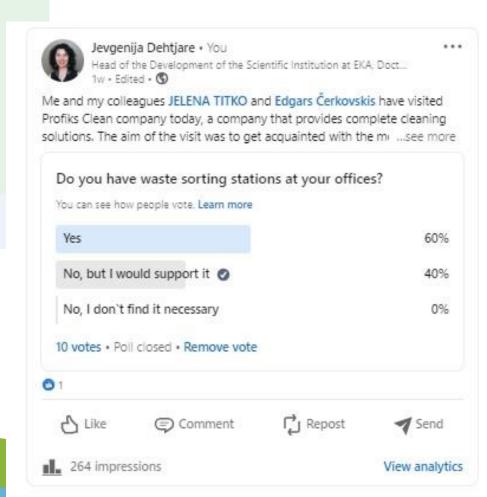
Is there a better way to start your week than by helping a colleague?

It's just a 10-minute deal! Please fill out the survey to help me find out which professional competencies should be improved by acade ...see more



Professional competence perceived by academic staff members

docs.google.com + 1 min read







196 impressions



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iii Public group

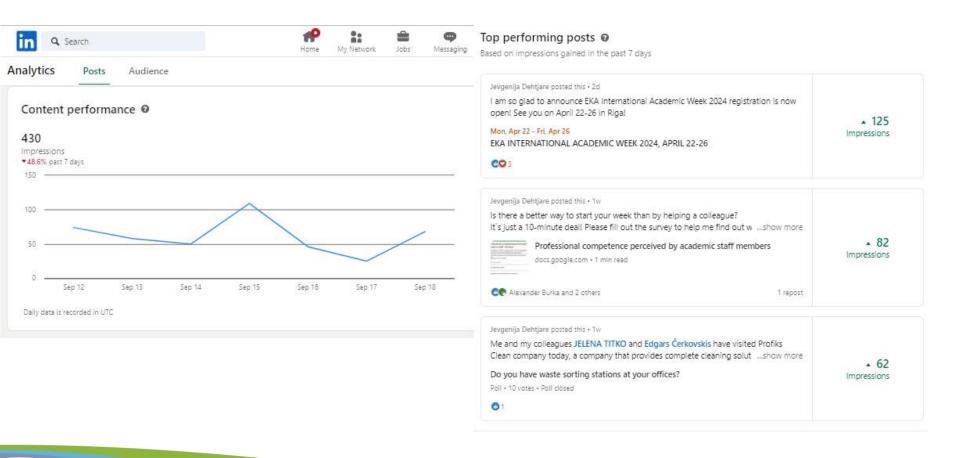


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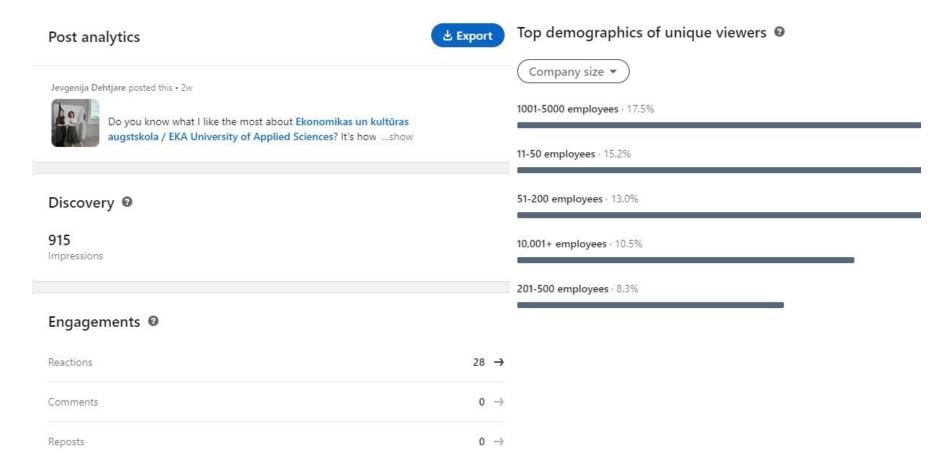
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LinkedIn posts analytics





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LINKEDIN TIPS

- Write monthly posts on a topic related to your research area
- Networking: commenting, sharing info, forwarding posts, inviting people, posting jobs
- Provide recommendations to your colleagues
- Use hashtags like #EKASTW2023



You can write a recommendation only for your 1st-degree connections whose work you'd like to recognize, like a colleague, co-worker, or student. The recommendation recipient can choose to display it on their profile. If a contact requests a recommendation from you, the request will be sent to you via a message which you can access from the Messaging icon at the top of your LinkedIn homepage.

Recommend your 1st-degree connections from their profile from your desktop

- 1 Navigate to the profile of the 1st-degree connection you'd like to recommend
- 2 Click the More ••• button in the introduction section.
- 3 Select E Recommend.
- 4 Fill out the Relationship and Position at the time fields of the recommendations pop-up window, and click Next.
- 5 Write your recommendation in the message field and click Send.

Respond to a recommendation request received through your LinkedIn account from your desktop



LINKEDIN SELF CHECK

- Make your profile visible and PUBLIC (Privacy&Settings
 -> Edit your profile)
- Make your headline / summary your selling pitch:
 Your expertise? Your value proposition?

"Tourism program director, hospitality lecturer, researcher with a passion for undergraduate education and experience in travel industry management"

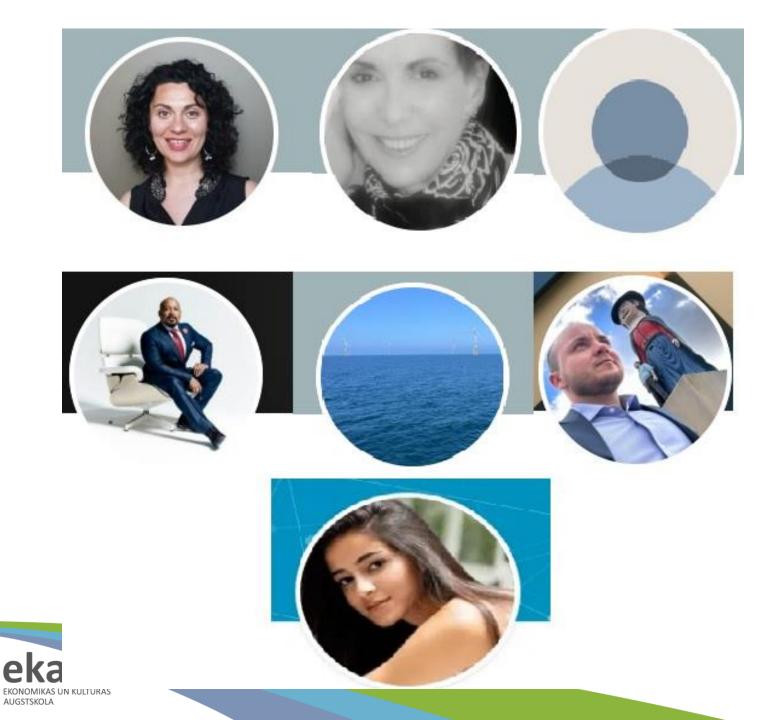
Try a rule: 3 key words + 1 value proposition



LINKEDIN SELF CHECK

- PHOTO! Smiling? Open? Style? Background? Expression? Quality?
- Best works and positions track (are all of your jobs necessary to show?) 10-15 years might be enough
- Highlight your publications, awards, certificates
- Your photo in a conference, STW?
- Group photo of STW with tags of other participants?!





WARNING! FAKE PROFILES!

- Fake name (Google check!)
- Fake photo (Google Image search check!) or too good photo
- Suspicious job title (as Consultant at Freelance)
- Lack/unclear personal info
- You receive many invites from the same company (often famous, like Microsoft)
- Click Report/Block







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WEDNESDAY



Lovely Samania • 1:29 PM

Hello.

Greetings of the day!

We offer the following Services at an affordable cost:-

- 1. Website Design/Redesign
- 2. Mobile Apps Development
- 3. Virtual Resource

Do let me know your exact requirement, then we can connect further over a call/chat on Phone/Skype.

Thanks!

Sanjana



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Francesco Maria Lagani is a mutual connection









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How to identify valuable connection?

- Is the profile real?
- Do they send a personalized request?
- Do they write the same language with you?
- Could this person be useful for you and your purposes? (Is there a benefit for you?)
- You can have 500+ connections, but does your network have high quality?



How to identify valuable connection?

The best way to use LinkedIn is to build a high-quality network and only connect with high-quality connections. Then, when you reach out to connect with your ideal connections, they will see that your network is full of people just like them when they research your profile.



What is your LinkedIn networking purpose?

- Write down your purpose
- Ask 3 people to look at your LinkedIn profile and ask them: when you look at my profile, what do you think is really important to me?
- Compare yours and their answers.
- If there is a significant difference revise your networking activities, their effectiveness and alignment with your bigger objective or mission.



How do I network if I hate networking?



Introvert

- Set a goal attending every networking event
- Keep a number to achieve (5 new researchers to meet tonight)
- Be prepared for the conversation well, make a home-task
- Don't arrive first
- Be prepared for a small talk
- First impression means a lot
- Ask open questions, listen attentively
- Remember about body language and smile
- Don't just hang out just with people you know



How do I network if I hate networking?

- Start with a sincere compliment
- Drinking doesn't make you a good networker
- Keep a lot of business cards OR share LinkedIn account
- Have a pen
- A food table is always a place where you can start a conversation!
- Join a group of talking people rather than individuals
- Ask someone to introduce you, use the other person's name to remind
- Follow up the next day!



Tips to start a conversation

- What interests you about?
- What are you working on now?
- Which opportunities do you wish to explore?
- What do you like most about?

Think which challenges this contact may help you to solve and what do you have in common!



Use a FORM form to start a small talk

- FAMILY
- OCCUPATION
- RECREATION
- MOTIVATION





Networking skills TEST

Please fill the test and count the results





FEEDBACK?





