

## Invitation to a round-table discussion with



***Prof. Dr. Birgit Esser***

Are you curious about life as a female researcher in the area of organic functional materials after you finish graduate school or your post-doctoral position?

Do you have any questions about the challenges and rewards facing researchers in academia?

Would you simply like advice from an international expert?

On Wednesday, **January 17, 2018, 11:00 – 12:30 h, Room No. 04.053, Chemikum, Nikolaus-Fiebiger-Str. 10, Erlangen**, Professor Birgit Esser (University of Freiburg) will host a luncheon and offer answers to the questions above, or others that you might have. After finishing her PhD at the University of Heidelberg and a three-year postdoc at MIT, USA, she started her independent career in 2012 at the University of Bonn. Since 2015, Birgit Esser is professor for Molecular/Organic Functional Materials at the University of Freiburg. Her scientific interests include the design and synthesis of electrode materials for organic batteries, conjugated small molecules and polymers for optoelectronics, supramolecular donor-acceptor interactions as well as the synthesis and investigation of cyclic conjugated molecules. Her broad experience in science gives her a unique perspective on what it takes to succeed. During this round-table discussion she offers to share this knowledge with you.

Lunch will be provided – **Please reply by Wednesday January 10**, if you would like to participate (email to Frau Pamela Hampel: [pamela.hampel@fau.de](mailto:pamela.hampel@fau.de)).

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