In 2014, the International School for Graduate Studies (ISGS) once more invites high flying executives from internationally renowned companies to present step stones of global careers to PhD candidates. These networking dialogs highlight the professional and personal competencies required in the industry, and give hints for assistance within decision-making processes. In the course of this informal meeting the young researchers will have the opportunity to present their own career plans and receive honest feedback.

**Networking Dialog with**

**Scientific Director of Max Planck Institute for Software Systems, Paul Francis (Ph.D.)**

(Kaiserslautern & Saarbrücken)

**Date:** Thursday, September 18, 2014, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Venue:** TU Kaiserslautern, Building 36, Room 262 (ISGS Center/Meeting Place)  
**Language:** English  
**Participants:** Postdocs, PhD candidates, research associates & master students  
**Target faculties:** Computer Science, Software / Electrical & Mechanical Engineering  
**Registration:** Register only via email (until Sept 17) to: doktoranden@isgs.uni-kl.de > Subject: „MPI SWS“

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**About Paul Francis (Ph.D.)**

The American computer scientist, Paul Francis, dedicates his research to privacy in advertising and analytics, computer networks, overlay and P2P networks. As Scientific Director at the Max Planck Institute for Software Systems, Francis constantly helps to improve non-tracking analytics systems.

In his startup company Aircloak, he has also helped create the world’s first general-purpose anonymized statistical analytics service for industry. With more than 20 years of experience in academic and industrial computer science as well as professional know-how about the formation of a company, Francis can give young scholars and researchers valuable insights into both areas of interest.

**His positions in short:**

- Co-founder of the startup company Aircloak in Kaiserslautern  
- Former Associate Professor, Cornell University, Computer Science Dept.  
- Former research at ACIRI, NTT Software Labs (Tokyo), Bellcore, etc.  
- Chief Scientist at two Silicon Valley startups

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**Fast Facts:**

- One of 83 institutes run by Max Planck Society  
- World-class basic research in all areas related to the design, analysis, modeling, implementation and evaluation of complex software systems  
- Main research fields: Programming systems, distributed & networked systems, embedded & autonomous systems  
- Cross-cutting aspects: analysis of complex software systems, privacy, security & dependability