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Squeezed for Time: Life in ‘Accelerating’ Academia

There is an apparently pervasive sense in the contemporary scientific world that things are speeding-up incessantly – scientists report chronic busyness, psychological discomfort, anxieties and insufficient time for research-related activities. They are expected to publish more papers, read more texts, meet strict deadlines, ‘fundraise’, engage in science administration, press ahead. Similarly as the Red Queen in Lewis Carroll’s *Through the Looking-Glass* it seems that scientists simply need to run ever-faster but only to stay where they are. In this talk, I will look closely at this widespread individual experience in the contemporary academy. Particularly I will discuss the emergence and normalization of the hyper-productive scholar and the implications of this ‘new normal’ for academic/scientific work.

Host: Adrian Mancuso