

A Theoretical Chemist

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How Do I Feel About Academia

- disillusioned
- frustrated
- exhausted
- angry
- isolated

perfect breeding ground for mental illness:

- “47% of graduate students suffer from depression”
- “10% had contemplated suicide”
- “the percentage of academics with mental illness in the United Kingdom has been estimated at 53%”

<http://qz.com/547641/theres-an-awful-cost-to-getting-a-phd-that-no-one-talks-about/>

mental health is essential to properly emphasize with others such that one creates space to unleash ones own potential

Critics on Academia

- institutions of low-quality mass education serving the needs of profit-oriented industry
- not democratic and heavily standardized blocking the creative process
- administrative monster → enormous waste of precious life time
- high financial pressure
- very few scientists/students show a *hardcore* scientific attitude
- the community sucks! (not the individuals but their organization)
 - ▶ scientists are caring little for each other and about valuable education for students
 - ▶ attracts narcissistic personalities
 - ▶ a critical approach is discouraged
 - ▶ intransparent and exclusive, elitist instead of egalitarian
 - ▶ the education provided does not lead to positive change in society

Modern universities do not serve the needs of present youth and the future generations to come - they are heavily unethical!

Knowing that and continuing to play the neo-liberal game will cause shame in me that will make me sick with time → leave academia

Liberation of Science is Retirement From University!

- effective change: create space for liberated science

question

How can I pursue my passion for science outside of academia?

answer

Exclusive occupation with science not possible, basic income needed

challenge

Earn a living

condition

Live an ethical life

Plan: EL LABORATORIO



- Ingredients: my van → home base
- my good friend Fernando
 - ▶ half year working, half year liberty
 - ▶ independent due to low-cost lifestyle
 - ▶ has a lot of life experience leading him to trust his heart → he stayed healthy in a sick society
 - ▶ addicted to surf



- common goal: maximize our surf time

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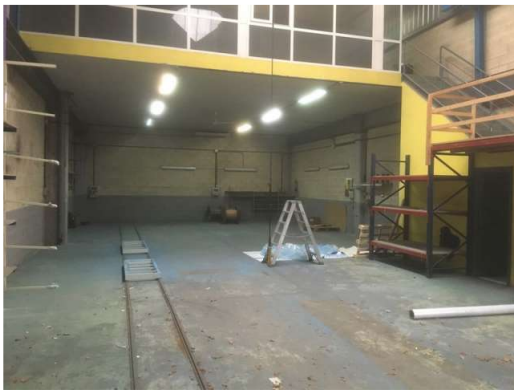
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840€ 210 m² 4,00 €/m² ver mapa profesional

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- ▶ I have experience and tools
- ▶ material cost per table: ≈ 300 Eur
- ▶ price for vending: 1000 Eur

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- huge potential for growth
 - ▶ DIY surf board repair
 - ▶ surf fins
 - ▶ skate boarding
 - ▶ street art
 - ▶ hacking workshops
 - ▶ community space for youth culture
 - ▶ SCIENCE!!!