PhD comics “Academic Stimulus Package”
by Jorge Cham, Stanford, at
Bergen harbour onboard Hurtigruten MS “Trollfjord”

Do you need some inspiration and motivation managing your PhD? Don`t miss out on this opportunity!

Jorge Cham is the author of a “PhD comics” strip and “PhD comics - The movie”

Place: Hurtigruten ”MS Trollfjord” while staying in Bergen Harbor
Time: 11th of March 18.30-19.30
Deadline for registration: 10.02.2013
Max number of participants: 90
Coffee and cookies will be served :-)
The talk is free and open for everybody, PhD students will have priority
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Jorge Cham is the creator of Piled Higher and Deeper (PhD), the comic strip about life (or the lack thereof) in Academia (http://www.phdcomics.com/comics.php). The comic strip has appeared in the Stanford, MIT, Caltech and Carnegie Mellon newspapers among others, and is published online where it receives over 9 million page views a month from over 1000 universities and colleges worldwide.

In this talk, Jorge Cham recounts his experiences traveling to over 150 universities and research centers in the US and across the world, lecturing and listening to graduate students from all walks of life share their stories of academic anxiety and de-motivation. Thought-provoking yet humorous, Jorge Cham’s talk examines the possible effects of the current economic environment on global research and helps students figure out what their role in the coming social order might be.

Rough outline:
• “Piled Higher and Deeper” and the Power of Procrastination
• Why grad school?
• Who are you? Compiled Grad student statistics
• How the economic times may affect global research
• Plotting your future
• A call to action

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