



Ph.D. Graduates in the Social sciences and Humanities

Results from the Belgian CDH data 2010

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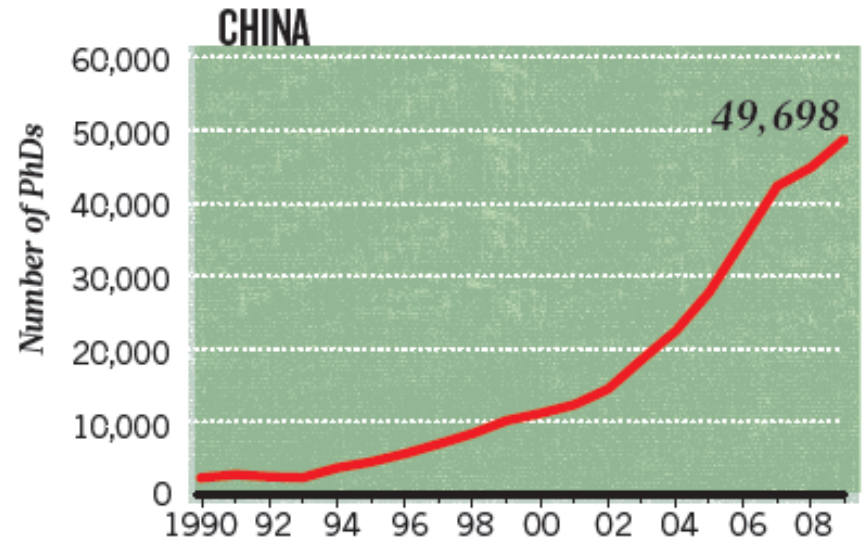
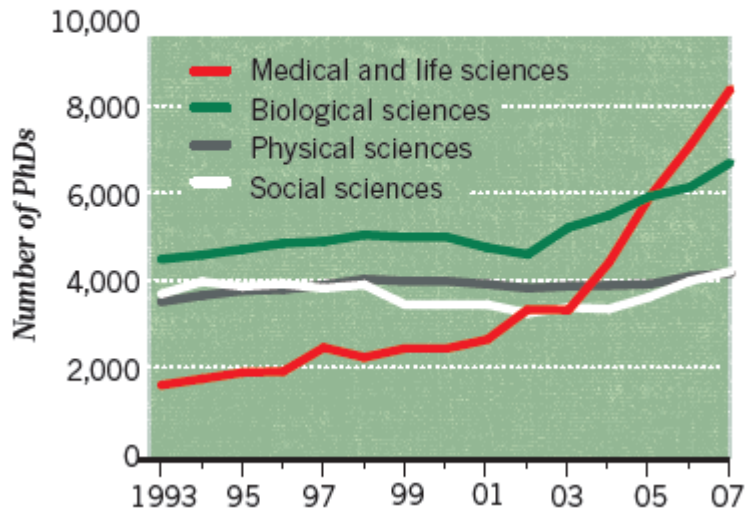
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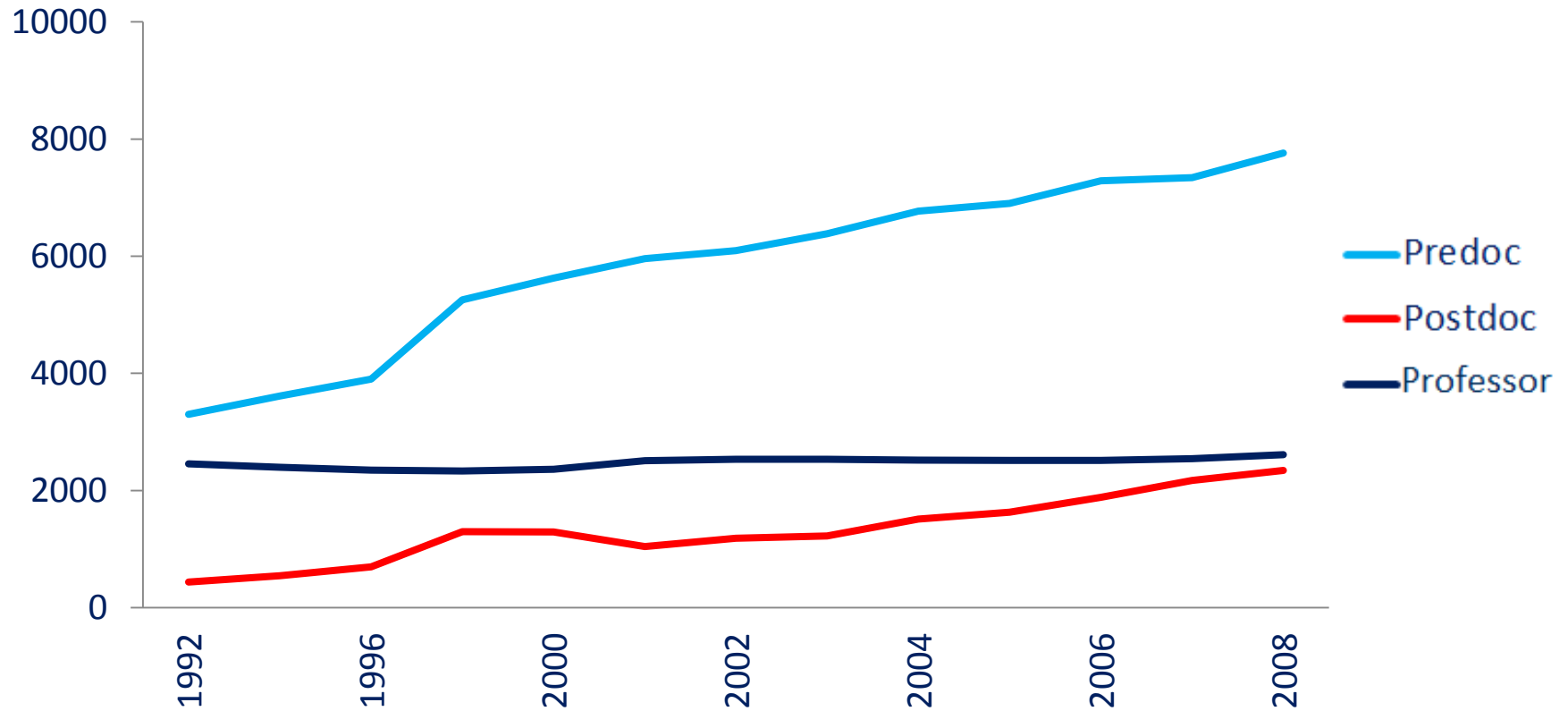
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Research Questions

- Perceived transition from university to the non-academic labour market
- Sectors of employment of doctorate holders in the social sciences and humanities
- Minimum required level of education in different sectors of employment

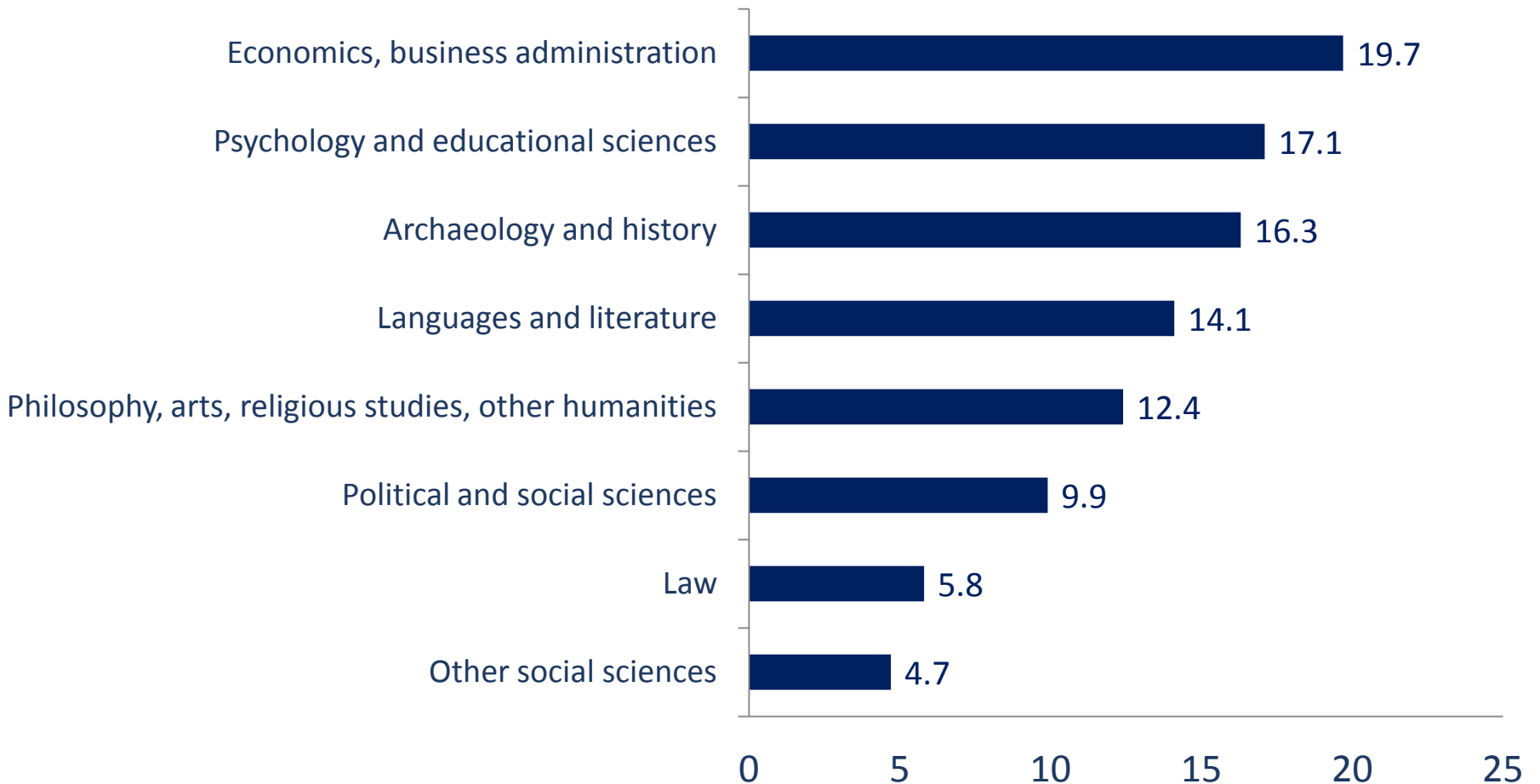


Method

- CDH Survey (Careers of Doctorate Holders Survey) 2010
- Belgian universities
- Doctorate degree obtained between 1990 and 2009
- Total respondents: 4376
- Total S&H: 919 respondents (21%)



Most Ph.D.'s in S&H are graduated in economics, business administration, psychology and educational sciences (%)



Source: Belgian CDH 2010, N=919

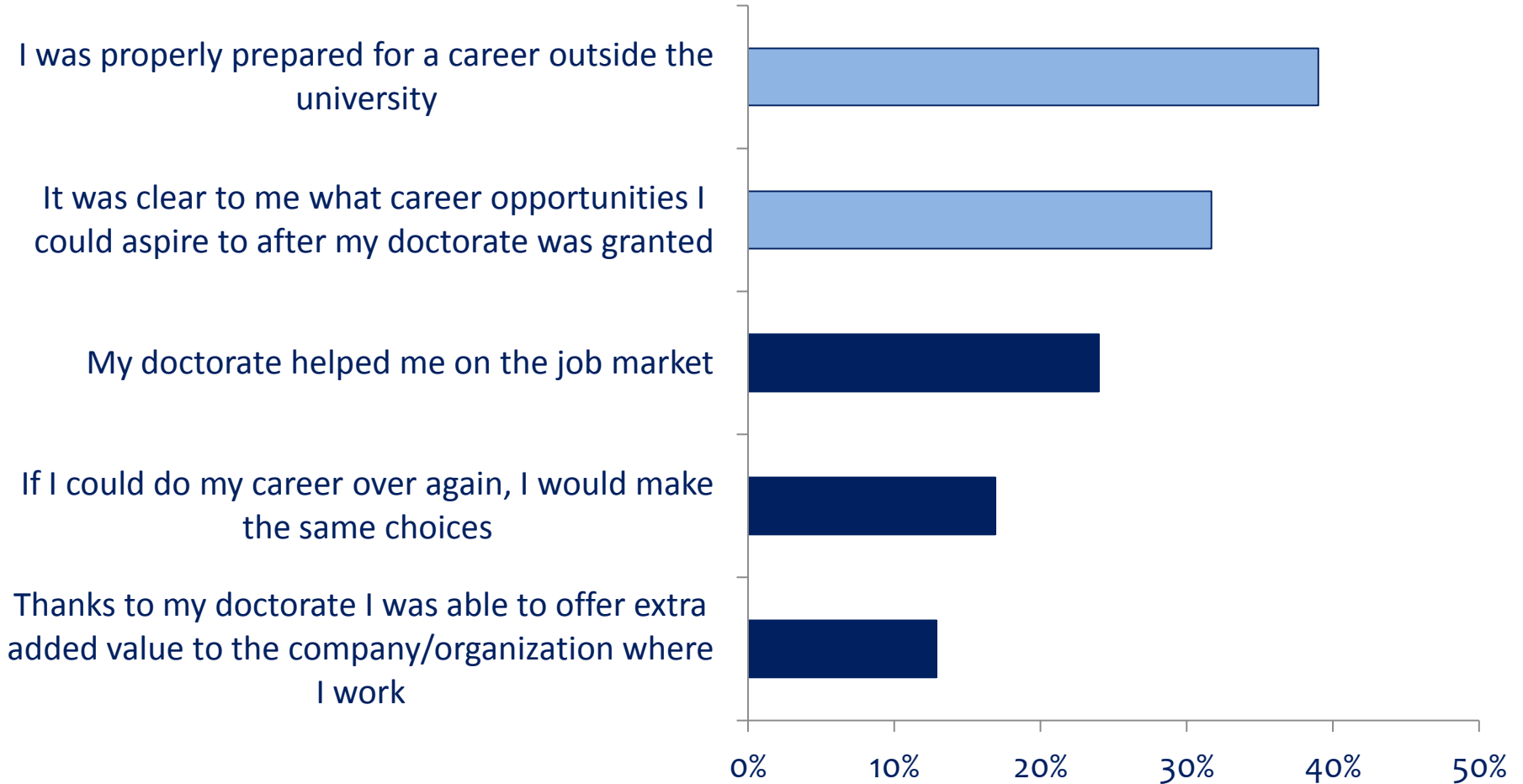


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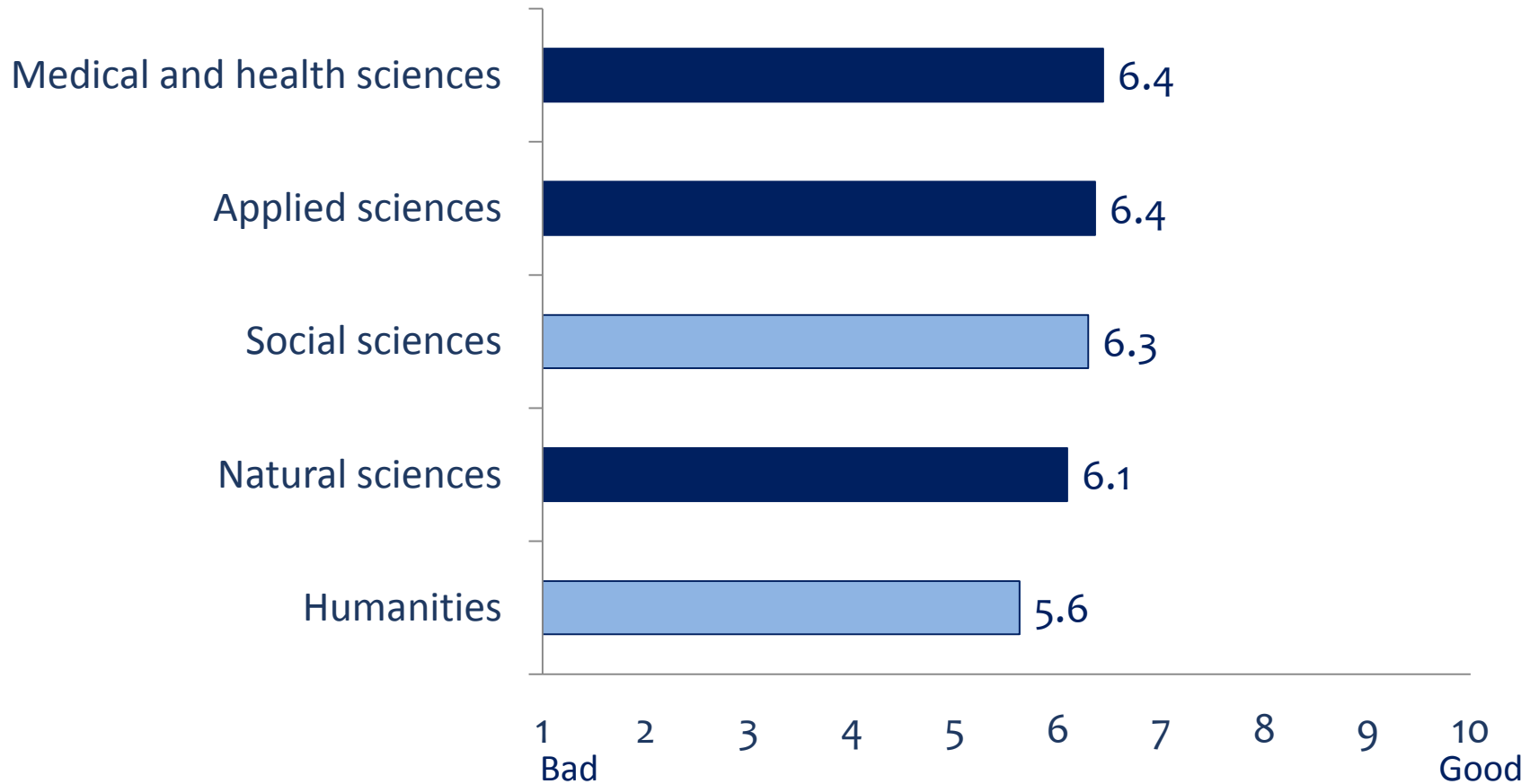
... but in general the Ph.D. degree brings additional benefits (% 'not agreed')



Source: Belgian CDH 2010, N: 431



Human scientists had a difficult transition from academia to other sectors of employment



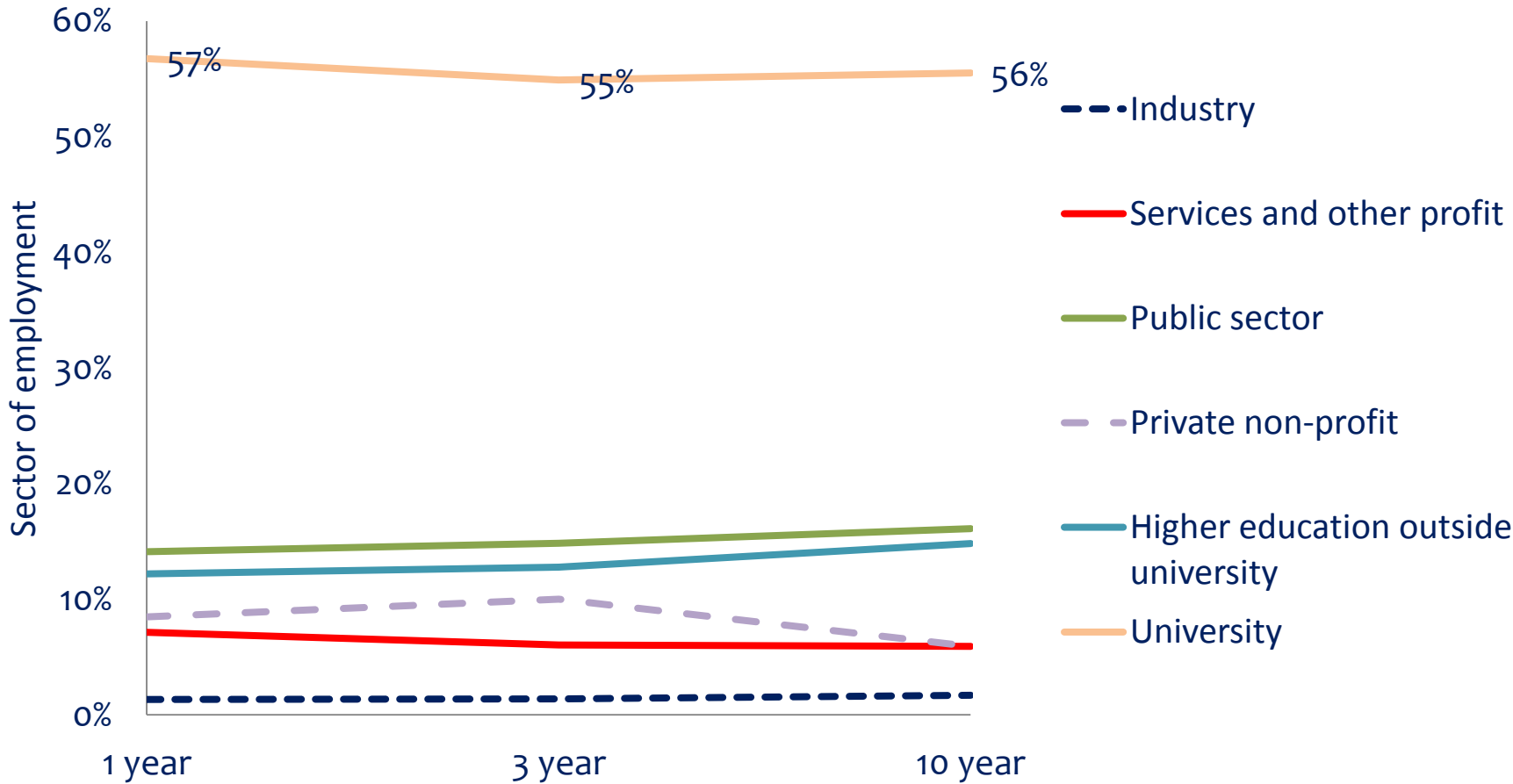


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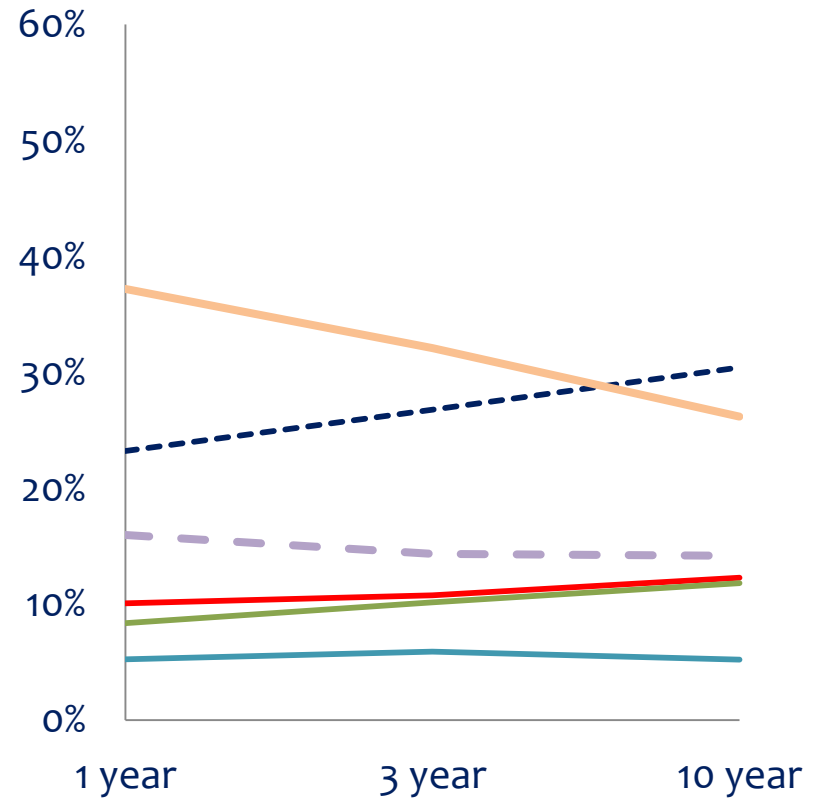
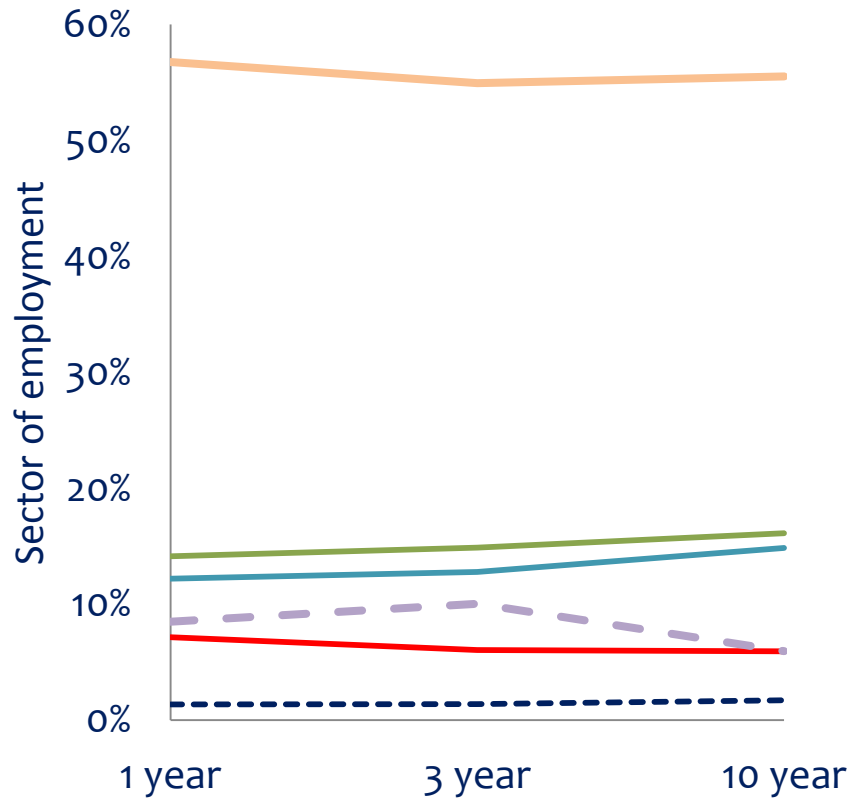


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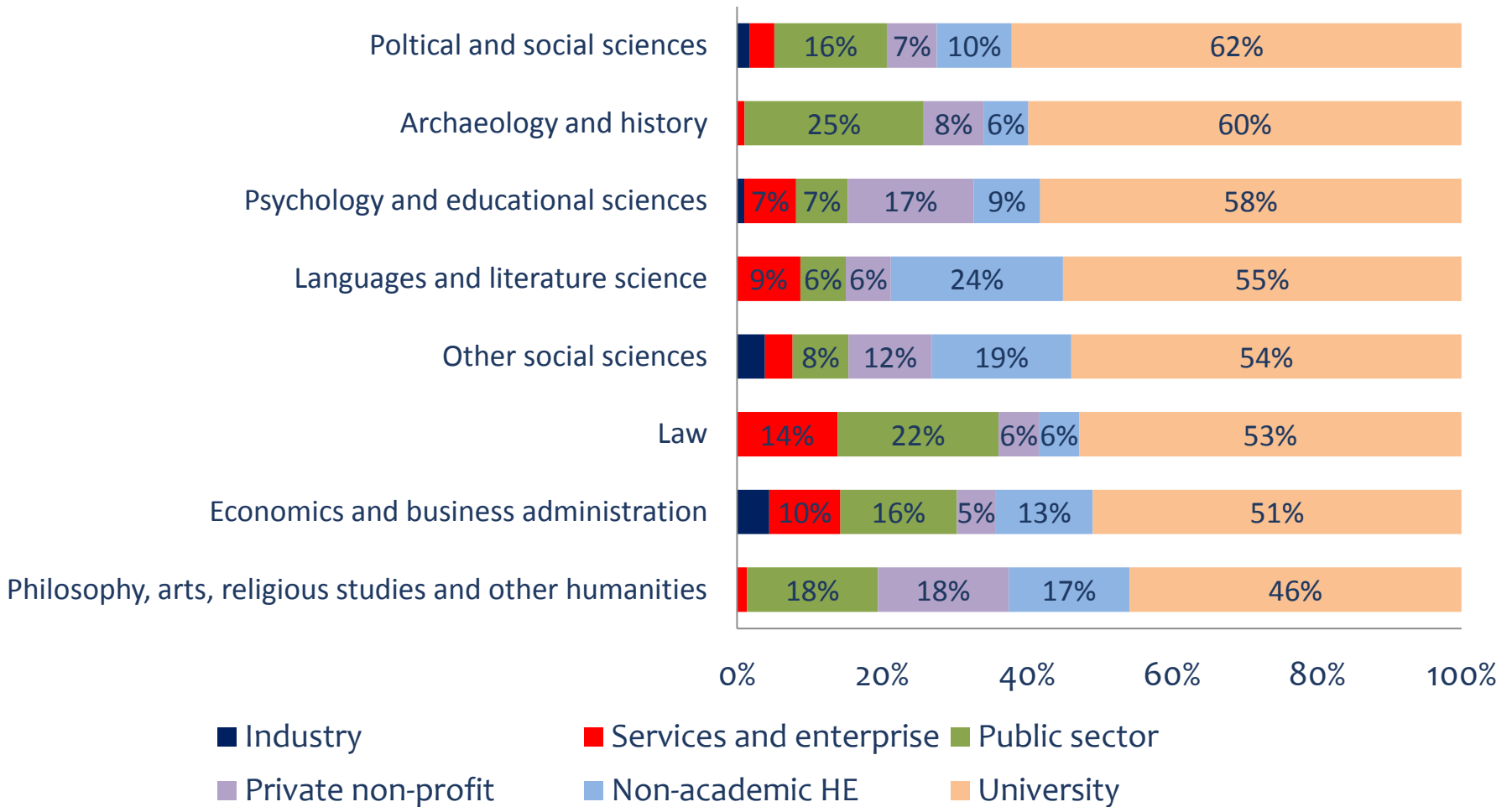
Ph.D. holders in S&H vs. other fields of study



- Industry
- Public sector
- Higher education outside university
- Services and other profit
- - - Private non-profit
- University



S&H graduates are mainly employed in academia, 3 years after graduation



Source: Belgian CDH 2010, N=579

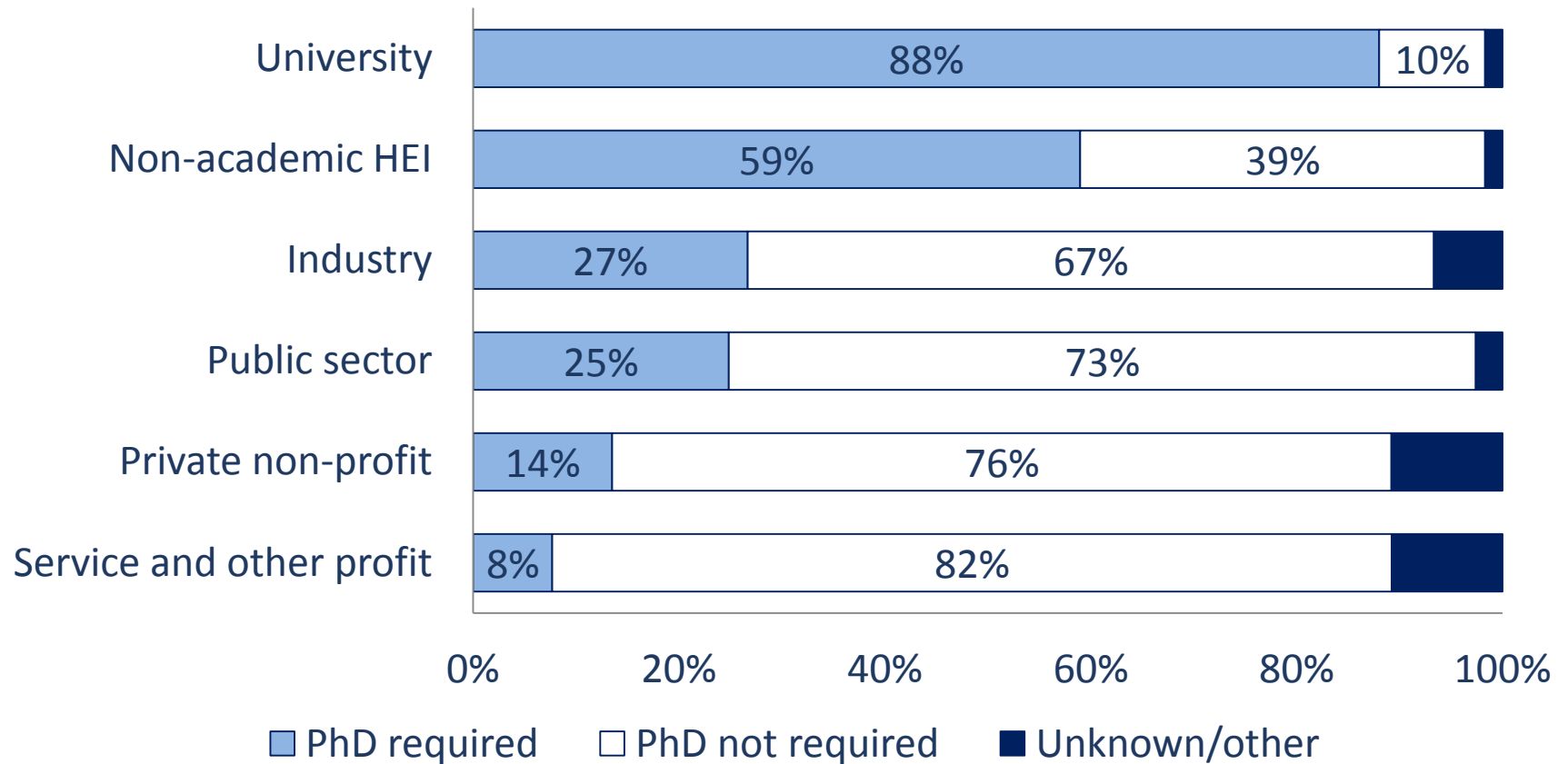


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For many jobs outside academia a Ph.D. is not required





Conclusion

- Transition
 - More difficult transition for doctorate holders in humanities
- Sector
 - S&H often stay within academia
 - Sector differs significantly according to subdiscipline
- Qualification requirements
 - Degree in S&H especially required in higher education
 - Far less required on the non-academic labour market



Feedback Welcome!



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