

Thesis Defence Training

Optimally prepared for your oral exam

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| TARGET GROUP | Doctoral Researchers |
| TARGET | During the defense of their thesis, doctoral researchers have to give a presentation of 10 to 30 minutes which is followed by a discussion. This workshop is designed to prepare doctoral students optimally for this situation. In the first part of the workshop the participants get practical tips for their introductory presentation: how to structure the presentation, how to build up the central argument, what language to use, etc. The second part of the workshop deals with typical problems that occur during the discussion: How to respond to criticism and „killer-questions“; how to deal with stage fright and black-outs, etc. In the third part of the workshop, participants get the chance to give their presentation and to receive feedback from the group and the trainer. |
| TOPICS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and exercises for a convincing presentation • Types of questions (counter-arguments, critical questions, etc.) and how to deal with them • Setting and roles during the defense • How to deal with stage fright and blackouts • Presentations by participants and feedback from the group and the trainer <p>At the end of the seminar the participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a convincing and well-structured presentation • Deal in a confident manner with counter arguments and critical questions • Are well-prepared and feel confident about their thesis defense |
| TRAINER | Dr. Malte Engel, Institut für Argumentations-Kompetenz |
| VENUE | Tagungsstätte Harnack-Haus der MPG, Ihnestraße 16–20, 14195 Berlin www.harnackhaus-berlin.mpg.de Max-Planck-Institut für Pflanzenzüchtungsforschung, Carl-von-Linné-Weg 10, 50829 Köln www.mpipz.mpg.de |
| FEE | The Administrative Headquarter will cover the fees for the speaker. The institute needs to cover your travel expenses. Please note: Permission from your supervisor must be obtained before applying. |
| NOTES | VA-Nr. 1153: Registration for this seminar starts 01.02.2019! VA-Nr. 1154: Registration for this seminar starts 01.06.2019! Terms and conditions for the participation are included at the end of the brochure. |
| MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE | 12 |
| REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION | Angelika Molkenthin angelika.molkenthin@gv.mpg.de |

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| 1154 | 12.09.2019 | 10:00 | 13.09.2019 | 17:00 | Köln |