

Thesis Defense Training

In your thesis defense, doctoral students have to present their research to the board of examiners and then answer critical questions. This workshop is designed to prepare you optimally for this situation.

In the first part of the workshop you get practical tips for their introductory presentation: how to structure the presentation, how to build up the central argument, what language to use. 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. In the third part of the workshop, participants get the chance to give their presentation and to receive feedback from the group and from the trainer.

Contents

- Tips and exercises for a convincing presentation
- Types of questions (counterarguments and critical questions) 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

Objectives

You will...

- give a convincing and well-structured presentation
- deal confidently with counter arguments and critical questions
- be well prepared and feel confident about their thesis defense

Methods:

The methods are interactive throughout the workshop. The participants get the chance to practice their presentation and to receive feedback from the group and from the trainer.

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