The General Postgraduate Program: Courses 2023/2

A 4-2.1 Professional Presentations at Conferences and in the Academic World (2 CP)
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Course Description
This online workshop focuses on how scholars can best convey the value and significance of their work through oral communication, emphasizing not only typical structures of thought and expressions in English, but also an audience’s expectations. The focus of the workshop is on the formal conference panel presentation and the question-and-answer session, and includes sections on the presentation structure, take-home messages, attention-getting openers, and linguistic cues for the audience (signposting language).

Target Audience, Number of Participants
Doctoral Candidates of JGU Mainz in the last year of their doctorate and Postdocs; language level: C1
Maximum Number of Participants: 12

Date, Time and Venue
Tuesday, September 26th, Wednesday, September 27th and Thursday September 28th 2023, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. via Online-Platform Zoom

Topics
Participants will...
- hold a two-minute presentation to get feedback on one’s verbal and non-verbal communication and to practice writing an abstract
- craft an attention-getting opening
- develop a powerful conclusion
- practice answering questions about one’s research
- deliver a one-minute introduction to one’s work for networking purposes (the “elevator pitch”)

Learning Results
Participants will...
- learn the “golden rules” of presenting in English
- create an attention-getting opener and strong conclusion for your presentation
- practice a concise yet captivating introduction of themselves and their research
- learn how to develop a relaxed and personable, yet professional style with which you may better engage your listeners and communicate your ideas
- create a two-minute presentation
- discuss how to defend your research results during a question-and-answer practice session
- learn and practiced special tips for delivering outstanding presentations online

Preparation
The first three participants to sign up for the course will be offered the possibility of holding a ten-minute presentation, which should be prepared beforehand.

Application Details
To apply please use OpenOLAT.
In order to be able to apply for the courses doctoral candidates need to be registered with the GPP.