

Discussing and Communicating Research

Trainer



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After completing her doctorate in theoretical philosophy, Friederike Schmitz specialised in animal ethics, a topic on which she has published two books and several articles.

A regular guest in interviews and discussions in various media, she also gives lectures to a wide range of audiences and is a graduate seminar trainer, both independently and with the Institute of Argumentation Competence.

Objective

Participants will:

- gain clarity about their own role as a researcher as well as their own aims and values in their occupation;
- be able to explain their own research project in a clear and concise way;
- learn about aims, formats and institutions of science communication and possible career paths in this area.

Description

Most academics work in highly specialised fields. They explore specific aspects of the world and ask questions which, outside their own community, hardly anyone thinks about. It is therefore not surprising that many young researchers find it difficult to situate their project in a wider context and to present their findings to a general audience. This ability, however, is crucially important – not just for lectures and grant applications, but also due to the increasingly transdisciplinary nature of many research projects, not to mention the growing significance of science communication and the so called “third mission”.

In this seminar, we will first discuss aims and benefits of science and the humanities.

Then, participants will practice explaining their research project in an accessible way and learn about different forms of science communication.

- Aims, benefits and concepts of academic research
- The relation of science and society
- Explaining your own research project – advice and exercises
- Aims, formats and institutions of science communication
- Career opportunities in science communication

Methodology

The methods used are participative, including dialogue and exercises.

Reflection and discussion is encouraged by the use of various tools and takes place mostly in small groups.

Short presentations by the trainer are complemented by practical exercises and all participants receive individual feedback.

Organizational Information

Language	English
Target group	Advanced Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs from all faculties
Date	Monday, 3 June 2019, 9:00 – 17:00
Registration	For registration click here