Get Started

Objective

Participants will acquire theoretical knowledge and practical skills for the management of their PhD project at Goethe University.

Description

The 1,5 day workshop is designed as a comprehensive introduction for first year PhD candidates of all disciplines with a specific focus on basic project management skills for the organization of the “PhD project”.

Participants will receive differentiated information on the general framework for their PhD at Goethe University.

They learn to set smart goals, structure their project and manage it by using relevant tools – from master plans for the entire project to week and day plans.

They reflect on their individual working style, learn how to organize time and deal with stress and loss of motivation in the long run.

Participants will also discuss how to contribute to a positive working relationship with their supervisors by expectation and communication management.

Focal points are:

- Doing the PhD at Goethe University: structure and general conditions, information and questions / doctoral education at GRADE
- Why doctoral studies? Personal and vocational expectations and goals
- Your PhD as a project part I: techniques for organization and time management
- Your PhD as a project part II: tools for systematic and realistic planning of research projects
- Expectations regarding supervisor-student relationships during doctoral studies
- Survival Kit: dealing with all kinds of challenges and difficulties that might occur during a PhD project

Organizational Information

Language: English
Target group: First year Doctoral Candidates from all faculties
Date: Monday, 3 June 2019, 14:00 – 18:00 Tuesday, 4 June 2019, 9:00 – 17:00
Registration: For registration click here

“The workshop “Get Started” gave me the opportunity to broaden my horizon by meeting people in similar situations and talking openly about problems, so far unspoken. It motivated me to focus on solutions rather than just problems. It led me to realize that a PhD project is more than just research. It is a dynamic experience surrounded by both scientific and social challenges as well as opportunities. Thank you GRADE for offering this workshop. I can highly recommend it to all researchers who are at the very beginning of their work.”

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Dr. Nils Reschke
uni-support, Krefeld
• Intercultural Business Trainer/Moderator (DGIKT)
• Has longtime experience in scientific project management both on national and international level
• Research and teaching experience at the Universities of Bonn, St. Andrews, Paris IV, Seoul and Arusha

Dr. Sybille Küster,
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Has extensive experience in scientific management and in the strategic support of early career researchers at international and national level.
Research and teaching experience at the Universities of Hannover, Bochum, London (SOAS), Harare and Johannesburg.