Me and My Supervisor

Objective

“Me and My Supervisor” is a workshop on building a productive and professional relationship with your supervisor. Targeted advice on the German supervisor – student relationship is provided, alongside a framework for self-reflection and group exchange.

Description

In this workshop doctoral candidates will learn how to navigate the sometimes challenging relationship with their supervisor, address problems professionally, and build positive interactions. Advice is given on the basic structure of the supervisory relationship in Germany. Participants explore the expectations they have of their supervisor and vice versa, and roles and responsibilities are explained.

In the second half of the workshop participants will explore strategies for managing conflict with their supervisor and initiating difficult conversations. Through self-assessment exercises participants will learn about their own personality and interaction styles. We will consider the particular challenges faced by international students, and there will be the opportunity to explore specific personal challenges.

- Overview of the supervisor-candidate relationship in Germany
- Expectations, responsibilities, and roles
- Orientation for international students
- Conflict management
- How to raise difficult issues with your supervisor
- Personality styles and professional communication

Methodology

- Trainer input through short presentations
- Individual and small group exercises
- Role play
- Self reflection
- Group feedback and exchange

Organizational Information

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