

## Language Matters! Writing your Dissertation in English

### Objective

In today's academic world, researchers need to be able to produce clear, concise, well-written texts for diverse professional audiences. This online workshop supports PhD candidates who have to produce academic/scientific texts, e.g. their dissertation, in English as a foreign language. We discuss issues ranging from standards of professional English texts for Anglo-Saxon or international research communities, to organising ideas, and structuring texts. In addition, we look at how to present findings and opinions appropriately, and how to use correct terminology and vocabulary. You work with your own texts as well as with examples from your own field of research. You discuss features of good academic/scientific texts and you are equipped to use adequate language in different genres and for different audiences. In addition, you receive peer feedback on your own drafts. All exercises empower you to produce better, reader-oriented texts within realistic time frames.

### Description

The following topics are covered:

- Taking inventory: participants' strengths and challenges concerning academic/scientific writing in English
- Introduction to research and writing processes
- Being structured and organised: strategies and useful vocabulary
- Reporting results, ideas, and opinions: general considerations and linguistic devices
- Making yourself understood: principles of clear and concise writing
- Using peer feedback to revise texts
- Useful online and offline resources

Follow-up: During the workshop, you can register for an individual text feedback session/writing consultation with the trainer to further discuss your work in progress or additional questions concerning dissertation writing.

### Methodology

- Individual reflection
- Writing tasks
- Small-group work
- Plenary discussions and peer feedback
- Trainer input
- Optional follow-up: Individual text feedback and writing consultation

### Conditions

Willingness to share experiences, to take part in practical individual and group tasks, and to use longhand writing.

### Organizational Information

Language	English
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and from all faculties
Date	Thursday, 20 January 2022, 10:00 – 17:00 Friday, 21 January 2022, 9:30 – 16:30
Registration	<a href="#">For registration click here</a>

### Trainer



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