

Lunchtime Conversation Online

Objective

To improve fluency in conversation by extending vocabulary in a wide range of topics and building confidence in instigating and sustaining a conversation in English.

Description

This online workshop is conveniently planned over lunchtime to fit in with your busy schedule. It is an opportunity for you to practice your English-speaking skills in an informal atmosphere with peers from other disciplines and with whom you would not usually get to converse with in your day-to-day work.

During this online conversation hour, we will talk about a wide range of general topics which you will be invited to suggest; and you will see that you do not need to be an expert in every subject to have a good conversation.

Grammar and vocabulary queries will be addressed as you need them, however, the main purpose of the workshop is to widen the breadth of your conversation in English, beyond your research and small talk, for more effective networking.

Methodology

- Different theme each week
- Short articles, podcasts and video clips will be provided before each session if you like to be prepared.
- The session will begin in an open class discussion where we introduce the topic and brainstorm key vocabulary and learn phrases/idioms.
- Break-out rooms will be then assigned for conversation in smaller groups to enable more opportunity for everyone to speak.
- We conclude in a plenary session where participants can share aspects of their conversation and where necessary specific grammar and pronunciation corrections will be addressed.

This conversation group will take place via Zoom.

Conditions

Participants must complete an online language proficiency test issued by GRADE and achieve a CEFR B2 level in English.

As this workshop always has a very long waiting list, we would like to give as many people the opportunity to participate in it as least once. Therefore, we ask for your understanding as we give priority to those who have not participated yet. People who have already participated will be placed on a waiting list.

Organizational Information

Language	English
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs from all faculties
Date	Weekly, Fridays from 29 October- 3 December 2021, 12:30 – 13:30
Registration	For registration click here

Trainer



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- Commercial background in marketing and corporate services in Australia, UK and Germany
- English language teacher at Goethe University since 2013 in: International Study Centre (Sprachenzentrum), Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (Wirtschaftssprachen)
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