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 workshop supports PhD candidates who need to produce academic/scientific texts e.g. the dissertation in English as a foreign language. You discuss issues ranging from standards of professional English texts for Anglo-Saxon or international research communities, to organising ideas, structuring texts, and presenting findings and opinions appropriately, to using correct terminology and vocabulary. You work with your own texts as well with examples from your own disciplines that you consider to be particularly well-written. You discuss features of good academic/scientific texts and 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 formulate correct, clear, concise, and reader-oriented texts within realistic time frames.

**Description**

The following topics are covered:

- Taking inventory: participants’ strengths and challenges regarding academic/scientific writing in English
- Introduction to research and writing processes
- Being structured and organized: transitions, connectives, & co.
- Reporting results, ideas, and opinions: general considerations and linguistic devices
- Making yourself understood: principles of clear and concise writing
- Language matters: avoiding typical problems in formal written English
- Using peer feedback to revise texts
- Useful online and offline resources

In the workshop participants can register for an individual text feedback / writing consultation session (via Skype or phone) following the workshop

**Methodology**

Individual reflection, writing tasks, small-group work, plenary discussions, peer feedback, trainer input and optional follow-up: Individual text feedback and writing consultation.

**Conditions**

- You are required to bring 1-2 pages of academic/scientific text that you have written as well as two or three examples of well-written texts from your discipline.
- You are willing to share your experiences, take part in practical exercises, and use longhand writing.
- Laptops or mobile phones are not needed during to the workshop

**Organizational Information**

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Wednesday, 3 June 2020, 9:30 – 16:30 |
| Registration | For registration click here |