

## 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 practise your English-speaking skills in an informal atmosphere; and at the same time enjoy more in-depth conversations with your peers.

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

Each week will be based on a theme which you will also be encouraged to suggest. You will also have the chance to talk about your research and yourself!

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 and 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.

### Organizational Information

Language	English
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs from all faculties
Date	Weekly, Fridays from 23 April – 11 June 2021, 12:30 – 13:30
Registration	<a href="#">For registration click here</a>

### Trainer



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- English language teacher at Goethe University since 2013 in: International Study Centre (Sprachzentrum), Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (Wirtschaftssprachen)
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