



## Equal Opportunities Workshop: Thesis Defense Training











In their thesis defense, doctoral students have to present their research to the board of examiners and then answer critical questions. This course is designed to prepare doctoral students optimally for this situation. In the first part of the course the participants get practical tips for their introductory presentation: how to structure the presentation, how to build up the central argument, what language to use, etc.

The second part of the course deals with typical problems that occur during the discussion: How to respond to criticism and "killerquestions", how to deal with stage fright and black-outs, etc.

In the third part, participants get the chance to give their presentation and to receive feedback from the group and from the trainer.

## Content

The participants

- give a convincing and well-structured presentation
- deal confidently with counter arguments and critical questions
- are well prepared and feel confident about their thesis defense

## Coach

Dr. Malte Engel studied philosophy, psychology and English literature. From 2007 to 2010, he received a scholarship from the Berlin School of Mind and Brain to complete his doctorate at the Chair of Ethics at the Humboldt University of Berlin. In 2013 he started teaching courses on critical reasoning and logic and founded the Institute of Argumentation Competence in Berlin. Today he and his colleagues offer courses at more than 60 Universities and Research Centers across Europe.

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