Academic Writing Workshop for PhD Candidates
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Beschreibung
Two-day “Academic Writing Workshop for PhD Candidates”
Level: B2/C1 Sessions: 2 x 6 hours
Max. Number of Participants: 12

Course Description
This bespoke “Academic Writing Workshop”, will equip participants with the necessary tools to write clear, concise and interesting academic papers. Particular focus will be placed on enabling participants to edit and proofread their own work. This will be achieved through the analysis of articles in the leading academic journals in their field, and through peer-review. Improving readability and avoiding common pitfalls connected to the participants’ first language will be continuously addressed throughout the seminar. Techniques learned in the workshop sessions, will be applied to the individual work-in-progress and will form the basis of discussions about how to eliminate recurrent errors and how to improve both structure and writing style.

Course Outline
The following elements will be included in the workshop:
- Grammar Review - use of active and passive voice, verb structures, use of personal pronouns (I/we/ you) related to the specific field of research
- Punctuation
- Cohesion - linking words, conjunctions
- Concision - redundancy in texts, reducing wordiness
- Precision - avoiding ambiguity
- Variance - word choice, sentence length
- Hedging - examples of hedging and appropriate use in articles
- Common mistakes and how to avoid them
- How best to use digital tools (such as DeepL) in academic writing
- Academic Word List - expanding your academic vocabulary
- Academic Phrase Bank - using standardized sentences in academic writing
- Academic style and conventions - register and tone

Course Material
Articles from academic journals, connected to the participants’ field of research, will be used during the seminar. The PhD candidates will be encouraged to analyze and review these articles, to gain a better understanding of the writing style in their specific field, so they can later incorporate these linguistic features into their own work. The primary focus of the course will be on each participants’ work-in-progress, either an article or the dissertation itself. Peer-review will allow students to reflect on and enhance their writing. The course instructor will provide general feedback during the in-class sessions.

Target Group
This seminar is aimed at PhD candidates in their second semester or higher, who are working on an article or dissertation in English. Basic elements of academic writing are covered in our free of charge “Academic Writing Workshops” at the language center.
Option:
Course participants can book a 30-minute feedback session with the course instructor to get detailed feedback and commentary on their work. They will be provided with advice and suggestions on how to continue to improve their work.

Allgemeine Angaben
- Kurzbezeichnung: WiSo-Academic-Writing-Workshop
- Semester: Sommersemester 23
- Veranstaltungssprache: Englisch
- Einrichtungen: Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften

Ort und Zeit
- am 19.09.2023 von 10:00 bis 16:00
  Von Melle Park 5 Raum 2045
- am 20.09.2023 von 10:00 bis 16:00
  Von Melle Park 5 Raum 2045

Anmeldemodalitäten
- Art der Platzvergabe: Manuelle Platzvergabe (nach Ende der Anmeldefrist)
- Max. Anzahl Teilnehmer: 12