

Training Thesis-Defense for PhD Students

Target-Group	PhD students before their thesis-defense
Requirements	Participation in „Critical Reasoning and Logic“
Idea	<p>In their thesis-defense PhD students have to deliver a short presentation of 10 to 30 minutes, in which they summarize the main points of their PhD thesis. This presentation is the bases for the subsequent discussion and is thus vitally important for a successful performance.</p> <p>In this training PhD students present their talk to a small group of three to four fellow PhD students and get feedback from the group and the trainer. Based on the feedback they get the chance to revise their presentation with regard to style, clarity and argumentation. The trainer helps each participant to develop a precise line of argumentation for their presentation.</p>
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The participants deliver their introductory presentation and get feedback from the group and the trainer.• The participants revise their presentation with respect to style, clarity and argumentation.• The participants develop a precise line of argument for each participant's presentation.• If needed, participants get feedback on a revised version of their presentation via e-mail after the event.
Group-size	2 to 4 PhD students
Duration	3 to 4 hours, depending on the number of participants
Language	English or German
Trainer	Dr. Malte Engel