Prepare for the Doctoral Defense!

Workshop objective

This is a one-day workshop for last-year PhD students, offering a comprehensive preparation for the defense or doctoral viva voce, your last step towards finishing your doctorate, besides the mandatory publication. After years of specializing in your dissertation's subject, methods, and theoretical framework, of focusing on the written word, you are required to actually speak up and deliver your condensed or selected research findings and deliver them in a nutshell, or to expand your focus on a variety of subject matters or even other fields, depending on your PhD regulations. What you can do in order to prepare yourself efficiently, how to competently work with killer questions etc. is the topic of this seminar.

Topics:

- Focusing: What is the aim of the doctoral defense?
- Efficient preparation of the defense
- Time and self-management in the preliminary preparation stage
- How to deal with exam anxiety and 'stagefright'
- Doctoral mock exam – simulation of the defense

Methods:
Group work and plenary discussions, trainer input, role play.

Trainer:
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