

Conference Presentation: Engaging the Listener in Your Talk

Addressees:

Doctoral candidates and postdocs with some presentation experience

Goals:

This is an activity-based workshop led by a theatre professional whose expertise is in helping the speaker effectively communicate the importance and relevance of the work and the core message in the talk. Repetition is a key aspect of the training so that participants can strengthen the narrative, the emotional tone, and the physicality of the talk in order to define and support the speaker's own dynamic style. The seminar provides participants the opportunity to perfect their public-speaking skills.

Content Outline:

- Concisely introducing yourself: practice your "pitch"
- Engaging the audience in one's talk
- Affirming the strengths and individual style of the speaker
- Improving body language and vocal quality
- Structuring your talk
- Constructive tactics for dealing with nervousness
- Dealing with challenging questions (Q&A sessions)
- Receiving video-feedback

Methods:

- Voice and body techniques
- Partner work/role-play
- Language practice and analysis
- Improvisation, videotaping and feedback

Pre-Workshop task:

Participants will be required to prepare a 3 to 5 minute overview of their work; the use of slides is optional.

Language:

This workshop will be held in English.

Trainer:

Julie Stearns is a professional director and actress with over 20 years of experience in theater skills and productions. She is a lecturer at the University of Duisburg-Essen and Folkwang University of the Arts, and has been working for the impulsplus team since 2011. She has many years of experience in teaching presentation skills, as well as voice and body training, self-marketing skills and performance skills.

Date: Thur 31 August 2017 and Fri 01 September 2017, 09:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

Place: TUHH, Channel 4 (Harburger Schloßstraße 28), Raum CH4-0.21

Registration:

This workshop is offered by the Graduate Academy for Technology and Innovation at Hamburg University of Technology. Due to a cooperation two seats may be given to doctoral candidates of Leuphana University of Lüneburg. Please register not later than 17th of August 2017 via email at graduertenakademie@tuhh.de. To complete your registration please include the following information: the university and research area that you are doing your PhD in as well as the stage of your PhD project (beginning, middle, ending).

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