



Scientific Skills Workshop

Successful Presenting in English

The Berlin School of Economics is pleased to offer a workshop on giving scientific presentations. It is designed for all doctoral students and researchers at the Berlin School of Economics who would like to improve their skills in talking in front of an audience.

We offer two alternative workshops of the same content to make participation available to more people. Each one lasts one and a half days, and can host eight persons. Please register with Daniela Centemero (dcentemero@diw.de) by December 13, 2019 for one of the two workshops and also indicate the availability for the alternative date.

Please note: Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Option 1:	Tuesday, January 14, 2020 09:00 – 17:00 Anna-Schwartz Room (5.2.010)	Wednesday, January 15, 2020 09:00 – 12:30 Anna-Schwartz Room (5.2.010)
Option 2:	Wednesday, January 15, 2020 13:30 – 17:00 Anna-Schwartz Room (5.2.010)	Thursday, January 16, 2020 09:00 – 12:30 Anna-Schwartz Room (5.2.010)

The workshop language will be English.

Workshop description | Giving Academic Presentations

This seminar provides you with tools and practice in essential rhetorical techniques and how to consider your audience when preparing and delivering scientific presentations.

You will develop a presentation that is convincing and creates audience interest while also making your content clear and concise. We will examine typical differences between German and international English presentation approaches. Most importantly, you will hold your own presentations and become more comfortable with your own style. You will receive constructive feedback and advice on how to handle especially challenging situations.

The training follows an interactive approach with skills being practised through multiple short activities, building up to a longer academic talk.

Participants need to prepare a short talk on their research topic before seminar begin.

// Learning outcomes

- Structuring your talk to be audience-friendly
- Expressions for introducing, summarizing & making transitions
- Connecting with your audience
- Emphasizing key messages
- Using your voice: intonation, pace, pausing
- Body language & eye contact
- Effective style and format for visuals
- Dealing with difficult questions A questionnaire will be sent to the participants beforehand.

// Teaching methodology

This is an interactive seminar that provides opportunities to hold short presentations and develops practice in dealing with questions. You will discover what you need to improve through constructive feedback from the trainer as well as other participants. Furthermore, we will use small group activities to develop your competence for building rapport, emphasizing key messages as well as language for introducing, summarizing, and making transitions.

// About the trainer

Tim Korver is a native speaker of English who has been living in Munich since 2002. He owns a language school where the focus lies teaching Communication Skills to business people as well as academic researchers. Apart from 'Scientific Presentation', he also runs workshops on 'Scientific Writing', 'Effective argumentation' and 'Job Applications' at a number of universities and scholarship programs across Germany.

He attained his MA in Linguistics, which focused on language change in the scientific journal article. He has a strong interest in Rhetoric of Science, and regularly helps individuals to argue their ideas more effectively.