

Coaching-Center für Nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen
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Workshop

One Woman, One Goal – Talk Smart!

The Art of Small Talking

When scholars come together at conferences, they are thought to converse about purely scientific topics: how has the latest publication been received in the scientific community? Was the last grant accepted? In reality, a lot of the conversation at conferences revolves around entirely non-scientific topics. This is true for all disciplines, be it Neurobiology, History or Psychology. The reason is simple: small talk serves different functions, e.g., establishing a rather uncomplicated way of getting to know the other person. In the workshop we will explore ways to successfully small talk. An important emphasis is on the approach to small talk: How do I start a conversation with another person? We will also reflect on taboos. Some of the things you might say can abruptly reverse the purpose of the conversation. Instead of serving as a door opener, your conversation might just disqualify you as a worthy conversation partner.

Zielgruppe:

Young female researchers of all disciplines who anticipate presenting their research at conferences abroad or who anticipate encountering other researchers of their disciplines in other settings. This workshop focuses on Anglo-American countries.

Ziel des Workshops:

Sensibilize for cultural settings, understand the importance of small talk in the scientific community, practice English small talk.

Inhalte:

- Short self-presentation in English – why should I talk to you anyway?
- Identify typical topics of small talk – how do I get started?
- Don't put your foot in your mouth – how was I supposed to know that...?
- Reflect on taboos – please don't say that!
- Linguistic devices – how do I say what?
- Practice, practice, practice – yes, we can!

Methoden:

- Presentation
- Role play and scenarios
- Comparison between German and English small talk

Referentin: Dr. Andrea S. Dauber-Griffin, Sociologist and Visiting Scholar at UCI, California

Termin: Freitag, den 17.02.2012 von 10:00 s.t. bis 18:00 Uhr

Ort: Campus, Hochschule für Musik, Konferenzraum (Raum 02-143), Jakob-Welder-Weg 28

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