Seminar for supervisors – Faculty of Social Sciences

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Preparation for the course in PhD-supervision

The preparations for the course is twofold

A \hspace{1cm} \textbf{STARTING A MEETING WITH YOUR PHD CANDIDATE}

Imagine you are about to respond and give feed-back on a text which has been submitted by one of your PhD candidates, and let us assume that this text is written with the intention of approaching a final version. This may very well be a text draft for the first scientific article or for one of the chapters in a monography.

You find the text promising and interesting in many ways, but also with some unresolved issues. The text is unfinished and needs to be filled in and elaborated upon to serve as a scientific contribution.

Please write down - in your own direct speech (approximately half a page) – what you intend to say to the PhD candidate at the start of the supervisory session.

Please, \textbf{bring a printed copy of your text to the course}

B. \hspace{1cm} \textbf{THE DIFFICULT TALKS}

Please identify and briefly describe (1/2 - 1 page) a situation in your supervision that you have experienced (or may foresee) as problematic or challenging.

Please choose a situation with a real problem - not a situation you have already solved or handled in a good way and that you want to talk about.

The text may be used in the course as a basis for peer supervision/feedback in small groups of 3 persons. If you want to keep it confidential within the group, please mark the text with "confidential".

Please, \textbf{bring 4 printed copies of your text to the course}
Programme

0915-0920 Introduction by the research dean
0920-0940 Supervisor and candidate roles and expectations
0940-1040 How do I supervise? Examples from The Faculty of Social Sciences
1040-1050 Break
1050-1200 Formal requirements and regulations by the research dean
1200-1245 LUNCH
1245-1330 Feedback on written texts «Starting a meeting with your PhD candidate»
1330-1340 Short break
1340-1510 The relationship between the PhD candidate and supervisor – «The difficult talks»
1520-1550 Ethical issues in PhD supervision
1550-1600 Sum up.
**Reading list**


