SCIENTIFIC WRITING IN NATURAL SCIENCES

Date: 20th February 2018, 9.15 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
21st February 2018, 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

Location: Haus der Kirche, Grüner Winkel 10, 18273 Güstrow

Lecturer: Lorraine Mannion

Number of participants: 6-14

Language: English

Target audience: PhD Students in natural sciences

Course description:
The reforms which have been implemented since the Bologna Process have led to a number of significant changes: an increasing number of courses at universities are being held in English, and postgraduate and doctorate students are frequently choosing to write their theses or research papers in English to reach a wider audience. In this seminar, participants will become familiar with various aspects of clarity which are essential for producing logical, reader-friendly prose. As well as examining the various stages in the writing process, we will focus on the structure of abstracts and, using examples of “best practice” articles, and closely look at how a professional doctoral thesis should be written. In doing so, participants will enrich their academic lexical repertoire and be able to identify common errors which frequently arise in academic texts.

Participants are advised to take along excerpts of personally written articles for discussion and analysis. An abstract of approx. 200 words (if available) or an excerpt from an article can be sent to the course coordinator one week before the start of the seminar. It will be corrected and returned during the seminar. The workshop will be held in English.

Contents:
- planning and organising a scientific paper
- writing effective introductions and conclusions
- developing ideas and coherent arguments
- paragraph structure
- punctuation
- academic vocabulary and register
- summarising and paraphrasing (the abstract)
Information on lecturer (if possible with photo):

Lorraine Mannion is from Ireland and studied "Interpreting and Translating French/German/Italian" at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland and the University of East Anglia, England. She also studied English Philology, North American Studies and Philosophy at the Free University Berlin as part of a Magister Artium degree. She has been working as an adjunct lecturer in English at various universities in Berlin since 2000 and regularly holds seminars throughout Germany on Academic Writing, Intercultural Communication, and Presenting Skills. She is a certified translator/interpreter for the Berlin notaries and courts and also has extensive experience working as a trainer and translator with various research institutes throughout Germany.

Participation fee:
- 92 EUR
- Members of the Graduate Academy can fund the participation fee via the member budget.

Registration:
The registration form can be found at:
https://www.uni-rostock.de/forschung/nachwuchsfoerderung/graduiertenakademie/qualifizierungsprogramm/

The registration for the workshop is binding. Our conditions of participation apply.