

English writing consultations for doctorate students and post-doc researchers

Englischsprachige Schreibberatung für Doktoranden und PostDoc Forschende

This program is for doctorate and post-doc writers who are seeking support and feedback on the editing phase of their writing projects (e.g. papers going to publication, theses and other manuscripts).

The consultations take place in English, but German can be used as needed (e.g. for clarification).

The language centre has the following experienced writing consultants / language coaches available for these sessions:

Katrina Stollmann

- US American with 20+ years experience teaching Academic English in Germany
- Background in Slavic Languages, Applied Linguistics, and Education
- Proofreading and editing experience in many disciplines, including literary studies, public health, political science, social science, economics, environmental physics and logistics.

Christof Dieterle

- Bilingual speaker of English and German, and teacher of Academic English / ESP
- Background in Political Science and English Language Studies
- Proofreading and editing experience in many disciplines, including mathematics, history, political science, sociology, cultural studies and geography.

Topics covered during writing consultation:

1. Joint analysis of writing style, writing strategies and language usage – using evaluation and reflection prompts provided by the coach.
2. Identification of specific aspects of academic texts that need to be included in a personalized proofreading strategy.
3. Specific language features of publications in the writer's discipline or field of research, for example register and lexical aspects.
4. Corrective feedback on language usage and writing style, for example connectors, cohesive devices, sentence structure, and punctuation.