The Doctorate as a Project – Introduction to the Management of Complex Research Projects

Objective

The participants learn the basics of project management as commonly used in business and science. Specifically, they deal with the particularities to take into account when planning a doctorate. Based on this, they create a plan for their (remaining) doctoral time and learn how to utilize this plan.

Description

The online course will focus on all phases of the doctoral project, from finding your research subject to defending your doctoral thesis. Therefore, PhD candidates of all stages are welcome.

Instead of presenting golden rules, the course will address different methods of project management and explain the respective advantages and disadvantages. Participants are encouraged to bring their own preferences and experiences and to explore and adapt the various techniques presented. These techniques will be practiced with regard to their concrete case.

The following components of project management will be covered in the course:

- Content and goal planning as well as breaking it down
- Structure and overview planning incl. Gantt diagram and critical path method
- Agile techniques incl. Kanban and Scrum
- Analysis of environment, stakeholders and risks
- Stakeholder management, teamwork and leadership / being led
- The magic triangle of quality, time and costs

Methodology

Short sequences of frontal input alternate with individual and group work. The goal is to integrate the knowledge of the participants as much as possible into the workshop, which is why there is a lot of room for interaction and exchange.

While practicing the presented techniques, the participants will develop a portfolio, including a plan for their own doctoral studies.

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