

From a Chaos of Ideas to an Outstanding Thesis - An Online Writing Workshop

Trainer



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I almost quit my PhD when it came time to writing. For months, I stared at blank pages, trapped in mental chaos, convinced I was the only one struggling this deeply.

Then came the game-changing discovery no professor had ever mentioned:

- Writer's block isn't failure. It's fuel. Even the pros get stuck!
- The secret? Working smarter, not harder, to unlock flow.
- That flow? Where writing shifts from struggle to joy.
- My conviction? Joy doesn't just feel good - it makes you powerful.

Now I help people who do their best work when they're enjoying it - but who, right now, find no joy in their writing.

 Objective

Start writing right away and establish an efficient workflow. You'll learn how to structure your ideas clearly, emphasize the relevance of your research, refine your academic voice, and manage your time effectively. Using practical techniques, you'll transform the initial chaos of ideas into a coherent text, while maintaining momentum and clarity throughout the writing process.

 Description

Writing a PhD thesis in a foreign language is challenging, and many PhD candidates struggle alone. Yet most writing problems are technical rather than intellectual.

This workshop provides the tools to break through initial barriers and develop a clear, effective structure for your ideas:

- Start by making deliberate choices: indecision complicates writing
- Clarify your thesis vision in seven steps to pinpoint its core message
- Build a two-dimensional outline that reveals your text's logic
- Transition from outline to draft: perfectionism causes block, so write first, refine later
- Polish your draft into reader-friendly prose without losing momentum
- Master time management to write efficiently amid competing demands
- Develop your academic voice to stand out in your field
- Leave the workshop with a concrete plan and the confidence to finish

 Methodology

This online course focuses on doing. You'll develop your manuscript step by step through structured writing techniques.

The workshop blends individual writing time, small-group feedback, and full-group discussions to refine your work.

It's a hands-on approach for those who learn best by actively creating and collaborating.

 Target group

This workshop is designed for researchers who:

- have their core results (or will within months),
- are about to begin writing their thesis or have already started but feel stuck.

The workshop is **not suitable** for early-stage PhD candidates.

Organizational Information

Language / Format	English / Online
Target group	Advanced Doctoral Candidates from all faculties
Date	Monday-Wednesday, 1-3 February, 9:00 – 13:15
Registration	For registration click here