



Preparing for your viva

Participants will gain the knowledge and skills to be more effective at their viva examinations. Exploring the viva process, thinking about how to engage effectively with the examiners, how to present their research and deal with difficult situations. In particular we will look at:

- Meaning and purpose of the viva
- Procedures and process
- The examiner's perspective
- Practical preparation
- Critical analysis of the thesis
- Preparing your defence
- Considering difficult viva questions
- Mental preparation, managing stress and nerves

Learning outcomes

By the end of the workshop participants will have:

- Developed an understanding of what to expect within a viva and the roles of the examiners.
- Explored the methods available to them to prepare effectively for the viva.
- Clarified how to effectively verbally defend and argue their thesis.
- Developed skills in answering challenging questions within their viva.
- Developed skills in how to manage stress within the context of the viva.

The aims of this course are to demystify the viva process, provide opportunity to practice asking and answering questions, identify points of influence and to prepare for success

This is a full day, interactive event suitable for postgraduate researchers in the final year of their PhD. It can be run online as 2 half day events.

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