Introduction to German Academic Culture for International Researchers

Addressees:
Doctoral Candidates of Technical University Hamburg-Harburg

Goals:
The goal of the workshop is to make the inherent basic assumptions, rules and expectations of the German academic culture comprehensible to international doctoral candidates and to strengthen their adaptation capabilities. One of the essential objectives of the workshop is to facilitate entry into the foreign culture for the participants in order to reduce stress, misunderstandings and uncertainty and thus to ultimately contribute towards optimal utilization of personal, time-related and financial resources.

Content Outline:
- The cultural framework – individual and cultural patterns
- Underlying structures: comparison of the implicit rules, values and convictions of the German academic system
- Action-oriented skills (1): academic argumentation
- Action-oriented skills (2): social interaction with professors and colleagues

Methods:
Input through the trainer, exchange and discussion in the group, individual work based on worksheets.

Language:
This workshop will be held in English. Good English skills are of advantage but are not a requirement.

Trainer:
Dr. Nils Reschke, unisupport

Dr. Reschke is a trainer, consultant and coach in science. He studied Cultural Studies and Psychology and has many years of research experience at German universities. He did national and international teaching, inter alia, in Bonn, Paris, Rome, St. Andrews and Seoul. Dr. Reschke also has international project experience as a coordinator abroad and as a DAAD lecturer in South Korea. Since 2015 he is a member of the managing board at SIETAR (Society for Intercultural Training, Education and Research)

Date: 
Tue 29 November 2016, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and
Wed 30 November 2016, 09:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

Place: 
TUHH, Am Schwarzenberg-Campus 1 (A), Ostflügel, 2. OG, Raum 2.79

Registration:
Due to a limited number of participants a binding registration is necessary. Please ask your supervisor for permission to participate and then address your registration to graduierotenakademie@tuhh.de. Your registration should contain your complete TUHH contact data.

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