Remote Workshop

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**Academic Life in Germany**

This workshop is designed to help international doctoral students understand academic culture in Germany and develop strategies to thrive in an intercultural context. Targeted advice on German cultural expectations is provided, alongside a framework for self-reflection and group exchange.

In this workshop, doctoral candidates will learn how to understand German academic culture, navigate cultural expectations within a research setting, and build strategies for positive intercultural interactions. We consider the peculiarities of relationships with supervisors, colleagues and the university administration in Germany, and advice is given on roles, responsibilities, and professional conduct.

**Content in brief:**
- Introduction to academic culture in Germany
- Expectations, responsibilities, and cultural standards
- Orientation for international students: navigating potential challenges
- Personality styles and intercultural competencies
- The supervisor relationship
- Communication strategies and conflict management

**Methods:**
Theoretical interactive inputs,
Self-reflection
Interactive group work
Role play

The event is aimed at female PhD students, max. 12 participants

**Registration deadline: 15 April:** petra.metz@hu-berlin.de
Zoom link shared after registration