



## Professional School of Education Graduate School of Educational Studies

### Workshop: Writing abstracts in English

Online-Angebot (über ZOOM)

**Dozentin:** Dr. Marie Vanderbeke (Professional School of Education, RUB)

**Datum:** 03.09.2021

**Zeitraum:** von 9:00 Uhr bis 14:00 Uhr

#### Description

Abstracts give a first impression of a study or text and thus often determine the audience's engagement with the presented research. Furthermore, they are an integral part of most academic papers and submission guidelines for scientific conferences. To write an informative abstract is therefore key to spark interest in a research project. However, it is also often seen as challenging to write an abstract, because the author is expected to present a highly condensed overview over his or her research without being imprecise.

This workshop will invite participants to revise an English abstract to be submitted ahead of the course. On the basis of model abstracts, we will examine the structure and some stylistic elements of successful abstracts. With this new understanding of the text genre, participants will then be asked to finalize their abstracts and receive peer as well as trainer feedback on effectiveness, style, grammatical accuracy and lexis. Course activities will therefore include:

- drafting a first abstract in English (approx. 300 words, to be submitted ahead of the workshop)
- analysing the structure and stylistic choices in model abstracts
- developing an understanding of the genre
- discussing first drafts in peer groups, giving and receiving peer feedback
- finalizing and revising a second abstract with trainer feedback

To prepare for the workshop, please write a **short abstract in English** (approx. 300 words). The abstract should contain the following information: title, author(s), research problem or objective of the project, hypothesis or research questions, study design, (if possible) most important results and major conclusions. **Highlight passages or terms** which are difficult to translate or leave them in German. Please send the abstract to [marie.vanderbeke@rub.de](mailto:marie.vanderbeke@rub.de) **until 2 September 2021** (12 p.m.). Participants will receive an individual feedback on their abstracts.

#### Über die Dozentin

Marie Vanderbeke hat ihre A-Level 2008 an einem Internat in Nordengland abgeschlossen. Nach einem Lehramtsstudium in Englisch, Biologie sowie Biology, schloss sie 2017 ihre Promotion in der Fremdsprachendidaktik Englisch an der Ruhr-Universität Bochum erfolgreich ab. Seitdem arbeitet sie als wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin an der PSE, u. a. in den Bereichen Internationalisierung, Drittmittelakquise, Projektkoordination verschiedener Drittmittelprojekte, Veranstaltungsmanagement und Nachwuchsförderung.