DXJAKD2
Academic skills course

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course syllabus

Week 1 introduction to academic English; specifics of academic style; introduction to academic presentations

Week 2 formality of academic English; discussion over aspects of academic writing in economic disciplines; hedging

Week 3 principles of writing paragraphs; writing conference abstracts I

Week 4 abstracts II

Week 5 research articles – structure and language of individual parts (IMRDC) I

Week 6 research articles II; paraphrasing

Week 7 summarising; other aspects of academic language

Week 8 coherence and cohesion; other aspects of academic language

Week 9 academic discussions; functional language

Week 10   videoconference - feedback on abstracts with Rachel Lindner

Week 11+12   presentations + peer review

course requirements

- active participation in seminar lessons (2 absences allowed)
- systematic preparation for lessons (this might include doing specific homework assignments)
- writing a presentation abstract for a conference of your choice (see schedule below)
- critical evaluation of abstracts of two colleagues
- incorporating your colleagues' comments in your abstract (if relevant) and submitting final version to Rachel Lindner for evaluation
- active participation in videoconference
- presentation of your research or part of research + discussion

tasks and deadlines

week 1	link to a conference shared document	deadline 28 February
week 2	title of the presentation shared document	deadline 7 March
week 4	first draft of abstract for the conference presentation peer-review application	deadline 21 March 2016
week 5	evaluation and comments on 2 abstracts of your colleagues peer-review application	deadline 4 April 2016
week 7	final abstract peer review application	deadline 11 April 2016
week 10	videoconference	
weeks 11 + 12	presentations	