



Course Code & Title	LISS354 Preparing Effectively for your PhD Viva				
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Institution	King's College London	Department		LISS DTP	
Academic Year	2020-21	Term		Summer	
Number of sessions	1	Research Platform	N/A	Length of Session(s)	3 hours
Day, Date		Start : End		Room Location	
Tuesday 4 th May 2021		13:00-16:00		Via Zoom	
Enrolment Links:	Click here to register for this course on Skillsforge. You may be prompted to log in.				

Online Course Description:

This online course introduces PhD students to strategies for effective viva preparation. The required pre-assignment for this online course will give students a practical tool to assist them in their viva, but also in future presentations, seminars or conferences they may attend.

As the class is **highly interactive and participatory**, students will be expected to have their **video switched on**, discuss their own research with their peers, and undertake short exercises during the session aimed at improving their confidence during the viva. The pre-assignment should be **completed before attending the session** as they will be used in breakout sessions, and students should come to class prepared to discuss their work.

Session Aims:

1. Introduce you to resources that might help you effectively prepare for your upcoming PhD viva
2. Give an overview of the viva examination
3. Offer you the opportunity to practice (in pairs / small groups) questions and answers to help you effectively prepare for your upcoming PhD viva
4. Provide tips to help reduce stress and anxiety during preparation

Pre-course preparation:

Prepare a 3-minute elevator pitch to summarise your research to your PhD examiners.



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Reading List:

None

Eligibility:

You must be a 3rd or 4th year PhD students registered with LISS DTP at King's College London, Queen Mary University of London, or Imperial College London.

Number of students:

Minimum number required to run: 10

Maximum number of places available: 30