

Colloquium: "Academic papers and empirical research"

Concept

This seminar has been designed in the form of a colloquium. Students who are planning to write a thesis, assignment or research paper will have an opportunity to seek help and advice on content and methodology whenever they need it. The colloquium is also authorised to provide advice to all teaching staff at the Department of Cultural Policy, and it should help to reduce the number of queries fielded by teaching staff during one-to-one tutorials. Students are therefore requested to talk to their supervisors about topic selection, key subject matter and methodology. It is not necessary for students to keep their supervisors up to date about the nuts and bolts of their papers during these tutorials. The teaching staff at the Institute for Cultural Policy will keep themselves regularly updated on the progress of the colloquium. This does not apply to teaching staff from other departments.

How it works

The students steer the proceedings of the colloquium themselves through the specific issues that they raise. A maximum of four students per session prepare their questions in advance and then work through them together. This means the meeting provides a forum for students to seek and give mutual help and advice. Wherever possible, questions of a similar nature are bundled together and addressed in the same session. This creates a focus on specific issues, which are then expanded through expert input on academic papers and empirical research in a needs-oriented way.

How to prepare for a session:

- Register by e-mail
- Draw up a a brief outline of your paper (key issue/topic, objectives, methodology); current status of the work; three questions to put to the meeting orally and/or by handout in no more than 5 minutes
- Advice (max. 15 minutes)

Literature

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