

**UB & LERU's workshops on doctoral supervision**  
**18 and 19 October 2023 – Universitat de Barcelona**  
 Preliminary Programme

**Day 1: Round table discussion on doctoral supervision**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Venue: Sala Jane Addams. Faculty of Geography and History (UB). 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. C/ Montalegre, 6, 08001 Barcelona.

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qngXEewafk>

Facilitators: Dr. Erkki Raulo (Head of Services of Doctoral Education – University of Helsinki / LERU DOCT Group Member) and Dr. Isolde von Bülow (Graduate Center - Ludwig Maximilians – Universität München / LERU DOCT Group Member)

Format: in-presence only

Target audience: supervisors (senior and junior) and coordinators of doctoral programmes

Objective:

The aim of this panel is to share the often rewarding and inspiring, but sometimes challenging, experiences that are part of the daily doctoral education at our universities. Supervising doctoral research is a skill that in addition to training doctoral researchers for their career, contributes to their wellbeing.

Our intention is to share and open for discussion best practices among colleagues on different aspects of supervision. The idea is to give participants the space to share their perspectives and experiences collegially and openly in the round.

Programme:

16:00-16:30	<p><b>Opening of the UB &amp; LERU workshops on doctoral supervision</b>, by one UB representative and one from LERU (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Followed by a tour de table</p>
16:30-18:20	<p><b>Round table discussion on doctoral supervision</b></p> <p>Brief introduction by the facilitators and moderation of the exchange on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment: how to identify candidates with potential?</li> <li>• Supervision: guidance, counselling, support - how to promote autonomy during the promotion life cycle? (Hands-on vs. Hands-off?)</li> <li>• Skills training: what do you think is central to the PhD project and what is central to the further professional and personal development of your candidates?</li> <li>• What elements are there in a good PhD project that prepare the candidate for their career? Do you consider them when planning the project?</li> <li>• Sustainability: is it of interest to you to know where your PhD candidates go? What are your experiences with alumni concepts?</li> <li>• What kind of support for supervision do you receive/wish to receive from your university? How are different responsibilities in supervision and doctoral education shared between the faculty/university, doctoral programme, and the supervisor?</li> </ul>
18:20-18.30	<p><b>Closing words and end of the workshop</b></p>
20:00	<p><i>Dinner with the round table participants (tbc)</i></p>

## Day 2: Doctoral supervision 2.0: Components of success

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Venue: [Aula Magna Universitat de Barcelona](#), Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona.

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/L7XMCZ6DWM>

Facilitators: Dr. Claudine Leysinger (Head of Graduate Campus – University of Zurich / LERU DOCT Group Member) and Dr. Helke Hillebrand (Director of the Graduate Academia – University of Heidelberg / LERU DOCT Group Member)

Format: in presence only

Target audience: prospective supervisors (i.e. early-career researchers), supervisors (junior and senior), coordinators of doctoral programmes and support staff.

### Objective:

This interactive workshop is about successful supervision of early-career researchers (ECR). The basis for this is the LERU paper "[LERU's view on holistic doctoral supervision](#)". We will examine how holistic supervision can be lived, taking into account not only the disciplinary aspects but also the personal and professional development opportunities of the supervisee.

We will focus on expectation management in the preparation of and throughout the doctorate as a basic prerequisite for successful communication and interaction. We will further dwell on strategies for improved recognition and visibility of good supervision, also and especially with regard to the long-term development of academic careers. In a participatory process, we aim at developing concepts for the implementation of these holistic supervision approaches in everyday university life. Last but not least, we will address how graduate institutions can accompany this cultural change.

### Programme:

10:00-10:15	<b>Welcome and brief introduction</b> , by Dr. Claudine Leysinger (University of Zurich) and Dr. Helke Hillebrand (University of Heidelberg)
10:15-11:50	<b>Interactive session: "Doctoral supervision 2.0: Components of success"</b>
11:50-12:00	<b>Closing words and end of the workshop</b>
12:00-13:00	<i>Tea/Coffee and Networking</i>