

LERU – CE7 Seminar Series: Advancing Holistic Doctoral Supervision Across Diverse Academic Landscapes

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Draft Programme

As part of the LERU/CE7 expert seminars series launched in 2023, this seminar focuses on how to advance holistic doctoral supervision across diverse academic landscapes. Through a mix of informative sessions, interactive discussions, and opportunities for networking, the seminar serves as a platform to foster a collaborative learning space, bringing together experts from diverse institutions, each with their unique experiences in doctoral supervision. By examining their collective expertise, the seminar seeks to reflect on current challenges and opportunities, best practices, and ultimately on how holistic supervision approaches could be effectively implemented in the everyday university life.

Day 1	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Informal lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:10	<p>A. Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome address by Milena Králíčková, Rector at Charles University Prague (<i>tbc</i>), and by David Bogle, Pro-Vice-Provost of the Doctoral School and Early Career Researchers at UCL, and Chair of the LERU Doctoral Studies Group Introduction to the seminar's objectives and structure
14:10 – 14:45	<p>B. Presentation of the LERU paper "LERU's view on holistic doctoral supervision" (link)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claudine Leysinger, Head of Graduate Campus, University of Zurich Helke Hillebrand, Director of the Graduate Academia, University of Heidelberg <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CE7 perspective on the paper – Reflections on key arguments and challenges (<i>speaker tbc</i>)
14:45 – 15:45	<p>C. Interactive session: “Doctoral supervision 2.0: Components of success” Moderators: Claudine Leysinger, and Helke Hillebrand</p> <p>This interactive session aims to explore successful supervision of early-career researchers (ECR), emphasizing holistic approaches that consider the disciplinary, personal, and professional development opportunities of the supervisee. Discussions will focus on managing expectations during the doctorate, improving recognition of good supervision, and developing strategies for long-term academic career development. The goal is to develop concepts for implementing these holistic supervision approaches in everyday university life, and address how graduate institutions can accompany this cultural change.</p> <p>Part I: <u>Breakouts session</u></p>
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/tea break and group picture</i>
16:15 – 17:15	<p>D. Interactive session: “Doctoral supervision 2.0: Components of success” Moderators: Claudine Leysinger and Helke Hillebrand</p> <p>Part II: <u>Discussion in plenary</u></p>

17:15 – 18:30	<p>E: Generative AI and doctoral education</p> <p>Generative AI is not only a hot topic in teaching and learning, but also regarding research, publications, and doctoral supervision. AI can help boost productivity, but how can we ensure that we still support training the critical, creative, autonomous, and innovative risk-taker?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladislav Krištofek, Vice-Rector for Research, Charles University Prague • Gerd Kortemeyer, Member of the Rectorate and AI Center, ETH Zurich <p>Followed by Q&A and discussion in plenary</p>
18:30	End of day 1
<i>Time tbc</i>	<i>Dinner (location tbc)</i>

Day 2	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>F. Shared leadership and collaboration in doctoral supervision: Embracing Interdisciplinary, International, and Intersectoral approaches</p> <p>Short presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>“Collaboration across disciplines: Interdisciplinary and team-based doctoral supervision”</u>, by Zsolt Horváth, Secretary of the Doctoral School of History and the Doctoral School of Literary Studies, Faculty of Humanities, ELTE • <u>“Global collaborations: The international co-tutelle system among several 4EU+ partners”</u>, by Sorbonne representative (<i>speaker tbc</i>) • <u>“Intersectoral doctorates: Bridging academia, industry, public sector, and non-profit partners”</u>, by Monika Tosa, University of Tartu (<i>tbc</i>) <p>Followed by Q&A and discussion in plenary</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:10	<p>G. Promoting diversity in doctoral education through high-quality supervision practices</p> <p>Panel discussion exploring trends, challenges, and opportunities in doctoral supervision across LERU and CE7 universities, with a special focus on supporting diversity in doctoral education. Insights will be shared on best practices to foster environments that accommodate diverse student experiences, career pathways, and perspectives. Central to the discussions is the commitment to maintaining the highest standards of supervision, ensuring that diversity and quality work hand-in-hand to enrich the doctoral experience and broaden participation.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melita Kovacevic, Head of Doctoral Programme at the University of Zagreb, and Vice-Chair of the PRIDE Network • David Bogle, Pro-Vice-Provost of the Doctoral School and Early Career Researchers at UCL
12:10 – 12:30	<p>H. Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key takeaways and discussion on potential seminar-derived public output • Final reflections
12:00 – 13:00	<i>End of the seminar followed by an informal lunch</i>