



**IMPRS on Cognitive NeuroImaging
Module 5: Softskills Courses
Making supervision work for you: You and your Master students**

26 May 2025, 13:00 – 16:00

As a doctoral student, you often have a double role: You receive supervision from your PhD supervisor, but you also give supervision to master's thesis or bachelor students. Therefore, this workshop puts focus on your role as a supervisor for undergraduate students and how you can benefit from reflecting on your double role.

Purpose:

To inspire PhD candidates to apply pedagogical strategies and tools to make their master's thesis supervision an enjoyable and effective process. Participants will get research-based tips on how to support master's thesis students as independent research trainees who drive their own projects forward. More specifically, it includes concrete tools for:

- aligning expectations with students
- supporting progress
- balancing supervisor direction and student independence
- providing constructive feedback

The workshop is hands-on based, and it includes lectures, exercises, and plenum discussions.

Facilitator: Dr. [Gitte Wichmann-Hansen](#), Senior Researcher at Aarhus University, Denmark, Professor at University of Agder, Norway, and owner of the consultancy *Academic Supervision*. Gitte Wichmann-Hansen is an established and publishing researcher within the field of supervision, and she has 20+ years of experience with running high quality professional training of research supervisors as well as candidates at all career stages across European Universities.

Preliminary schedule:

13:00 Welcome
13:15 How to align expectations
14:00 Dialogue tools
14:30 Coffee break
14:45 Giving constructive feedback
15:45 Closing of the workshop – key take homes
16:00 Goodbye

Venue:

Dorothea Erxleben Room (C004), Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig

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Credit points :

0.25 ECTS credit points will be granted if both, this course and the course "Making supervision work for you: You and your PhD supervisor" are attended completely

