

(HOME) TRAINING DAYS

Online-Workshop “Identity and integrity as a researcher”

Date: Wed, 27 May 2026, 09:30–16:30 hours

Location: Online via Zoom

Trainer: Dr. Vera Leberecht

Target group: Doctoral researchers from all disciplines, max. 12 participants

Language: English

Workshop Description

“Who am I? And who do I want to be — as a professional, as a researcher, as a human being?”

The decision to do a doctorate often brings about great changes in life. Apart from content-related and academic challenges, however, questions regarding the purpose of our research activities, and our identity within academia and beyond often receive only little attention, or none at all. This workshop offers you a space to reflect on issues of professional integrity and identity. We explore how we can (re-)connect soul and role, find purpose and truly ‘make sense’ in our academic workplaces and beyond. For this, we work with mini inputs, individual reflection, creative writing, circles of trust, powerful questions, and ambulant reflection.

The workshop is offered online to enable you to participate from the comfort zone of your own office or home, and to ensure a good balance of small group sharing and quiet individual reflection.

By the end of the day, you have

- got to know and worked with various methods of individual reflection,
- practiced sharing and ‘hearing others into speech’ to deepen your own understanding
- of your professional and personal values and goals,
- reflected on what is important to you as an early career researcher, and
- started to define which next steps you want to take on your journey as a researcher.

Trainer

Dr. Vera Leberecht (Maastricht/NL) studied Linguistics, Intercultural Communication, and Theology in Germany and Finland; received additional training as a trainer for academic writing; worked as head of the English section of the Language Centre at Maastricht University for several years; works as a trainer and consultant for writing and other work that makes sense, in the academic world and beyond.