

## **PhD Course**

# **COMMUNICATION AND PRESENTATION SKILLS**

Block course:

27.9.2018, 9 am to 5 pm

**Classroom:** 4029, Esplanade 36

**Course Instructor:** Julie Stearns

**Course Overview:** The workshop provides participants the opportunity to improve their presentation and communication skills. Special attention and focus is given to particular communication issues and challenges academics face. Constructive feedback from the trainer and group members give the speaker a healthy amount of input while perfecting public-speaking skills. Throughout the workshop, participants will be guided through interactive exercises to improve non-verbal communication, improve the ability to listen and react generously, and to integrate focusing techniques, which empower the speaker. This is an activity-based workshop led by a theatre professional whose expertise is in helping scientists effectively communicate the importance and relevance of the work and the core message in the talk. Repetition is a key aspect of the training so that participants can strengthen the narrative, the emotional tone, and the physicality of the talk in order to define and support the speaker's own dynamic style.

### **Contents in Brief:**

- Concisely and effectively introducing yourself
- Engaging the audience in one's talk
- Affirming the strengths and individual style of the speaker
- Improving body language
- Develop language and structuring tactics for effective communication

### **Methods:**

- Voice and body techniques
- Partner work/role-play
- Language practice and analysis
- Improvisation
- Plenum feedback sessions

**Teaching language:** English