
Presentation skills (6h)

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Summary: During the course I will present some guidelines on how to prepare an oral presentation. Students will be trained in small groups and individually.

Outline: The description that follows is for a class of 12 students. The course has four parts.

1- First, a written document containing some essential guidelines will be distributed and commented. This will take one session of 1h30.

2- Second, in 3 sessions of 1h30 each, groups of 4 students will have to present one piece of work to the others. This will not be academic work, it will usually be press articles (or short videos, audio interviews etc.) on non-academic topics (politics, arts, sports etc.). Each student will have to present the piece in a relatively short time (around 10 minutes).

3- Third, in 2 sessions of 1h30 each, 6 students will be grouped into 3 pairs, and will have to prepare a short debate on a controversial issue. Students will be assigned to the « in favor » or the « against » position and will have 7 minutes to present their best arguments.

3- Last, in a 1h30 session, every student will individually present one of their working papers or ongoing work, in the same conditions as a conference, but with no audience except myself. The student will have 25 to 30 minutes to present. The presentation will be followed by a 1h discussion, during which the presentation will be analysed in details.

When: Second semester of the second year of Phd