Introduction to research ethics

Target group: PhD students.
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Course language: English
No. of participants: up to 25.

Course content and aim:
The course aims to offer a basic introduction to research ethics, focusing on aspects that are relevant for current research practices. It aims to stimulate awareness of ethical issues in the students’ own research as well as in research in general.

Outline of the course:
Topics covered: What research ethics is; Fraud and misconduct in research; Informed consent; Publication ethics.

This course presupposes a taught as well as a research component. As part of the taught component, the participants together with the course instructor will discuss theories and cases in research ethics. As part of the research component, they will prepare a short essay on a research ethics topic, preferably in relation to their current doctoral research. The essay should not be longer than five pages.

Expected learning:
At the end of this course, the participants will have increased their awareness of the ethical aspects of their own work, and will have had the opportunity to discuss these with colleagues from different disciplines, and thus further refine and inform their views. They will have increased their practical skills of informing participants in clinical trials/studies. Furthermore they will have become more able to recognise scientific misconduct and good scientific practice, respectively.