

“Gedankengang” – a reflective Excursion with the Graduate Academy’s Academic Writing Team on Wednesday, July 22

Dear Doctoral Researchers,

Are you immersed in your research and seeking a moment to step back, gain a fresh perspective, and reconnect with nature, with others, and with your own thinking and writing process?

Join us for a walk through the *Via Naturae* in the serene woods near the Königsstuhl. Far from the daily demands of your desk, this excursion offers space to breathe, think, and engage in conversation with fellow doctoral candidates. It’s a chance to move through nature while reflecting on the path of your research - its challenges, direction, and place within the larger academic landscape.

Many of the great thinkers - Nietzsche, Darwin, Kant - often walked to think and discuss their ideas with others. This gathering follows in their footsteps, quite literally, encouraging “thinking while moving” as a practice for intellectual clarity and creative exchange. It is also an opportunity to shift focus from the tree to the forest: to zoom out and reframe your work within a broader context.



What to expect:

- **Simple guided exercises** to encourage interdisciplinarity, clarity and originality in your thought and writing processes.
- A **contemplative walk** along forest paths (no prior hiking experience needed)
- **Space** for informal conversation and intellectual exchange with other doctoral candidates
- **Time** for shared reflection on the research journey and its challenges
- A **welcoming**, collegial atmosphere designed to foster connection and clarity in your research

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Meeting point: Königsstuhl (*Aussichtspunkt*)

Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Participants: 16

Cost: Totally free!

Sign up here to secure a spot and receive further details on the excursion: <https://kursdatenbank.graduateacademy.uni-heidelberg.de/de/kurs/356-gedankengang-reflective-excursion-graduate-academys-academic-writing-team>

Please note that you must log into our [course database](#) with your Uni ID in order to view courses and to register for them.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or suggestions: david.jara@uni-heidelberg.de.

Best wishes

The Graduate Academy's Academic Writing Team

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