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English Writing for Economists – An Introduction

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Course description

This 12-hour course is primarily designed to help PhD students acquire some key skills for successful scholars in Economics. Starting from William Thompson's *The Young Person's Guide to Writing Economic Theory* (1999), we will focus on composing article abstracts and introductions. Moreover, based on Edward Tufte's work on the visual display of information, we will discuss how to prepare slides that accompany the oral presentation of an economic article.

Course outline

- English for Academic Purposes: linguistic and content aspects of academic writing in Economics (3 hours)
- How to write an article abstract (3 hours)
- How to write an article introduction (3 hours)
- How to write slides for an oral presentation (3 hours)

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