Workshop: Thesis Boot Camp (TBC)

Dates: September 21 - 23

Instructor: Dr. Peta Freestone

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Reaching the stage of completing the first draft of a PhD dissertation can be a daunting task.

Organizing PhD boot camps to help candidates reach these finishing stages is common in

universities across the US and Australia, and the trend is spreading. The boot camps are

intensive writing programs that are conducted over three days. The boot camps’ aims are to help PhD candidates make significant progress on their thesis, thus helping them finish their projects, and to help candidates become better writers. Those writing their dissertation in another language than English are also welcome to join!

Before the thesis boot camp (TBC) each participant will be asked to prepare a chapter and a

thesis outline, revisit key literature, start to identify challenges they face and consider how

they communicate their research. Participants will also receive recommendations from Dr.

Freestone after the session is completed. Dr. Peta Freestone will provide guidance throughout.

The TBC is open for up to 35 doctoral students on a first come, first served basis for suitable registrations.

Program:

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| Time | Monday, Sept. 21st | Tuesday, Sept. 22nd | Wednesday, Sept. 23rd |
| 10:00 | **Intro and logistics** | **The importance of the first full draft** | **Editing your thesis** |
| 10:30 /11:00 | **Strategies for writing efficiently –**  *Drafting like a pro(f)* | *From individual chapters to cohesive document* | *Macro, meso and micro strategies* |
| 13:00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 15:30 | Afternoon break  Optional – “Walk in the park” | Afternoon break  Optional – “Walk in the park” | Afternoon break |
| 17:00 |  |  | Life after Thesis Boot Camp  Project planning & maintaining momentum |
| 18:00 | Event close | Event close | Event close |
| 18:30 | Dinner |  |  |

Applicants must register and send a completed application form to [kimberly.skjelde@uib.no](mailto:kimberly.skjelde@uib.no) by August 21st.