

Writing Retreat

In the context of the doctoral programme in Applied Linguistics:
Managing Languages, Arguments and Narratives in the Datafied Society (LAND)

ECTS: n/a

Schedule:

- May 5, 2025, afternoon - May 8, 2025, afternoon
- Place: Villa Lindenegg, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland



Topic, focus:

This writing retreat offers you the chance to spend a few days focusing solely on your academic writing, for example your PhD monograph or an article. To encourage your writing process and progress, we will experiment with writing prompts and writing techniques. Additionally, personal discussions and feedback on your writing are offered.

The costs for travel, room and board are covered by the PhD programme. All participants will be assigned their individual single room. Places are limited and preference will be given to members of the doctoral program LAND. To **sign up**, send a message to kusk@zhaw.ch

Preliminary Schedule:

Monday

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| - Afternoon or evening check in | - Afternoon writing session |
| - Free time | - Dinner |
| | - Optional night owl writing session |

Tuesday, Wednesday

- Optional early bird writing session
- Breakfast
- Morning writing session
- Lunch

Thursday

- Checkout
- Writing session in the seminar room

Main value added from a theoretical and methodological perspective:

Writing is a skill that can be *learned*. You will be given theoretical input on structural, rhetorical and linguistic features of academic texts.

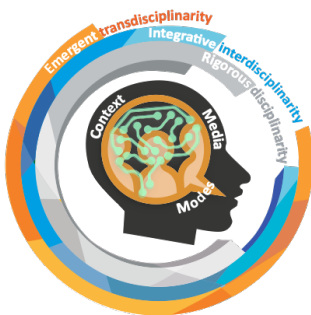
Main value added from a practical perspective:

Writing is a skill that must be *practiced*. Most of the retreat will be spent putting pen to paper, applying writing techniques guided by writing prompts. Individual feedback and coaching will help improve your product.

Learning objectives:

- Knowledge: You will recognize and use structural, rhetorical and linguistic features of academic texts.
- Skills, practices: You will produce and edit drafts of your own academic writing.
- Researcher attitudes: You will be able to navigate the challenges that come with writing projects (e.g., writer's block, text reduction)

Evaluation: The writing you produce in this retreat will *not* be evaluated in a pass/fail manner.



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- Promote joint research between the different types of higher education institutions
- Involve UASAs and UTEs in the qualification of their young talents and developing the range of possibilities for doctoral students with a UATAs of UTEs profile
- Highlight the possibility for UASAs and UTEs graduates to pursue third cycle careers
- Strengthen international competitiveness of Swiss higher education institutions and enabling them to attract young talents

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