



Creating an Argument

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 2009 | 1:00PM – 4:00PM | V714 | LIBRARY | GARDENS POINT



REGISTRATION is essential: <http://www.rsctraining.qut.edu.au/default.aspx>

Register online by: MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2009

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

This workshop is designed to help PhD candidates, Professional Doctorate candidates and Masters by research students who are struggling with scoping and focussing their research project. It is primarily for beginning research students who may need help with structuring an argument.



SESSION OBJECTIVES:

- What do we mean by 'creating an argument'?
- If argument is based on logic – is there only one way to do it?
- What is the relationship between structuring your thesis and structuring your argument?
- Claims: stating, supporting, qualifying, linking, reclaiming.
- How do I problem solve issues around the research project, when I am "stuck" or have lost my way in the argument?

SPEAKERS:

Dr Trevor Jordan, Humanities Program



TESTIMONIALS:

- This was useful. The discussions were really useful, i.e. workshopping ideas in the class
- Useful discussion on issues.
- This was an excellent workshop.

GRADUATE OUTCOMES ADDRESSED BY THIS WORKSHOP:

The graduate capabilities that relate to this workshop and which you may wish to think about for your own [e-learning portfolio](#) are:

- [Advanced theoretical knowledge and analytical skills, as well as methodological, research design and problem solving skills in a particular research area.](#)



RESOURCES:

Resources such as handouts, Power Point slides, or other relevant online resources relating to this workshop can be found at [this address](#).

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM:

- 1.00pm** Welcome and introduction: What is an argument?
- 1.30pm** Examples of arguments: logic and false logic
- 2.00pm** Stating and supporting a claim | Linking your claims | ways of writing your argument | Losing your way
- 2.50pm** *Take a break*
- 3.10pm** Writing your argument: the mechanics of your reasoning: structure and relevance. The ultimate criteria – did you prove it?
Revising your argument: making it clear to the reader

- 3.40pm** Questions and answers

This timetable is tentative. It will vary according to the wishes of the participants.

