From thesis to story! - Call and Workshop

Science Slam at the GLOBE23 Science Festival “Living in Times of Change”

The GLOBE23|Festival

We are living in a time of upheaval - whether it is global trade and the international order, cohesion and belonging, media and knowledge, climate and resources: it seems as if foundations of our coexistence are suddenly slipping here and in many other places in the world. Is this impression true? How are these changes related to each other? And above all: What does all this mean for the individual, for the city or the region?

Finding answers to these questions, creating orientation and designing new questions: This is what the Leipzig Science Festival Globe23 is all about. To this end, it creates creative spaces for unusual encounters between research, art, civil society and politics. With young and old, we celebrate critical curiosity and scientific knowledge as well as cross-border dialogues on and about “Living in Times of Change”, the theme of this year’s GlobeFestival, which will take place from October 25 to 27, at the university’s Paulinum and other venues in the city.

The Science Slam

This year, too, the Science Slam is one of the formats of the festival: On Friday evening, October 27, scientists from all disciplines are invited to tell with humor and excitement about their research. Each slammer has exactly ten minutes to convince the audience of his /her research topic. Of course, objects of all kinds may be used, whether PowerPoint slides, costumes or artifacts. The presentations can be held in German or English. You would like to participate or have questions about the slam? Then contact Matthias Sterba (matthias.sterba@uni-leipzig.de).

The Workshop

We offer all slammers the opportunity to get to know the techniques of the Science Slam in a workshop beforehand. With an experienced science slammer you will talk about how to tell a strong story and which methods are suitable to turn a supposedly dry topic into an exciting story. The performance itself will also be trained: How to use gestures and media in a targeted way, how to adjust to the audience and the setting - and many other aspects. In this workshop we will explore all these questions and together we will take the path from your idea and your individual topics to a rousing Science Slam presentation.
Dates

# Workshop with input: July, 3 or 4 (in coordination with the participants) 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Nikolaistraße 6-10 in Leipzig, Strohsackpassage, 5th floor. Basics, brainstorming, practicing techniques, approaches to your own story

# Exchange of experiences and presentation training: October, 9 or 13 (in coordination with the participants), 10 am-1 pm. We welcome registrations with details about the research topic and possibly the theme of the slam as well as the affiliation via email at globefestival@uni-leipzig.de by June 10, 2023.

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