



Making Conferences Work: Organising Academic Events and Building Research Networks

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Conferences are more than venues for presenting research—they are sites of collaboration, visibility, and career development. Yet the skills required to organise successful conferences are rarely taught explicitly. This research skills talk draws on Aistė’s practical experience with organising academic conferences, panels, and workshops in the UK, Ireland, and the USA. Topics addressed include planning timelines, fostering inclusive and engaging spaces, and transforming conference interactions into long-term collaborations.

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