



Speak and Shine: Essentials of Effective Academic Speaking

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Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

Venue: Main Campus, HKU

Overview

It is common and often essential for research students to speak about their research in academic and professional contexts, including presentations, conferences, seminars, and even informal discussions. Effective academic speaking is crucial for sharing research effectively and making a lasting impression. This 3-hour workshop, designed for research students across disciplines, aims to equip students with the skills to communicate their research and ideas with clarity, coherence, and conciseness. Guided by the instructor, participants will explore key speaking techniques and strategies specifically for presenting their research effectively. During the workshop, students will watch sample presentations, engage in discussions, and reflect on their own speaking skills. They will have the opportunity to apply the skills learned by sharing their research with fellow participants. Suggestions on using Generative AI tools to enhance their academic speaking skills will also be provided.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the workshop, students should be able to:

- explain their research in a coherent and accessible manner, effectively conveying complex ideas to diverse audiences;
- prepare for discussions related to their research, enhancing their ability to engage in meaningful dialogue;
- articulate key concepts orally, ensuring clarity and understanding in academic communication; and
- build confidence in their academic speaking, enabling them to present their research effectively.

Learning Activities

During the workshop, students will:

- engage in role-playing scenarios and mini-presentations to present research to diverse audiences;
- collaborate in pairs and groups to share academic speaking strategies and reflect on speaking skills; and
- engage in reflective activities to evaluate and improve individual academic speaking skills.

