

1st yDiv Postdoc Plenary Meeting 2025

Date: 10 April 2025

Accouchierhaus, Jenergasse 8, 07743 Jena

Thursday, 10 April 2025

11:00-11:15	Arrival (Meeting with Erica at 11:00 at Jena Paradies Station, 10 min walk)
11:15 – 11:30	Getting to know each other Erica
11:30-12:30	Workshop 1A: Interactive Teaching Methods Robert Workshop 1B: Funding Opportunities Erica
12:30-1:30	Lunch break
1:30-2:15	Workshop 2: "How to Manage Conflicts with Students and PhD Candidates" Robert
2:15-2:30	Coffee Break
2:30-4:00	1st Postdoc Plenary Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TOP 1: General Introduction and Organization of Meetings (Overview of purpose, frequency, and next location) (5 min, Erica) ➤ TOP 2: News from iDiv: iDiv New Governance (10 min, Erica) ➤ TOP 3: Overview and discussion on the role and responsibilities of the Representation Board, potential topics for the next meeting, and, if available, updates from the last RB meeting (15 min, Olga) ➤ TOP 4: Guest Presentation (Michael Wutzler, Postdoc Programme, Graduate Academy FSU Jena) (30 min) ➤ TOP 5: iDiv Postdoc Café & Cake Open Discussion: How to improve yDiv support for career development (e.g., enhancing the flow of information, participation in surveys, aligning course content) (20-30 min, Erica) ➤ TOP 6: Closing Remarks and Suggestions for the Next Plenary Meeting (2025) (5-10 min, Erica & Robert)
4:00-5:00	Visit to the botanical garden
5:00	Getting Together Event

Workshop 1A: "Interactive Teaching Methods"

This workshop will introduce various interactive teaching techniques designed to engage students and enhance learning. Participants will actively explore and practice these methods by taking on the role of both teacher and student. Through a hands-on approach, they will work in small groups to discuss examples, present results, and reflect on the effectiveness of each method. By the end of the session, participants will have not only a deeper understanding of interactive teaching but also a personal toolbox of techniques ready for immediate application in their own teaching activities.

Workshop 1B: "Funding Opportunities"

This workshop will provide an overview of funding options from the EU and German institutions/foundation, including lesser-known opportunities. The goal is to provide tools and inspiration for finding the most suitable funding for your projects.

Workshop 2: "Managing Conflicts with Students and PhD Candidates"

In this workshop, participants will analyze case studies on how to handle conflicts with students and PhD candidates, both as teachers and supervisors. The session will focus on communication strategies and conflict resolution to maintain a positive working environment.