

A new grassroots initiative: MOCK VIVAS

Responding to a student initiative, the PhD Programme in English Linguistics will launch a new **optional** activity for **students about to defend** their dissertations: **MOCK VIVAS**.

From 16/04/2024, students may request a **mock viva**. That is, the Programme will provide a mock viva **experience**, run by **academics** and **freely attended** by staff members, PhD candidates and friends. The aim of these seminars will be to help the candidate understand the **strengths and weaknesses** of their defence performance, offer **feedback**, and facilitate the way into **critical** engagement.

As part of the preparatory activity, a document on the Viva **procedure** will be provided. Also, candidates will receive **tips** on issues examiners may focus on, **recommendations** for answering questions, strategies to further develop their reasoning and **argumentation** styles and suggestions for behaviour and improvement in their **response to critics** within an academic discourse.

If you want to gain practice **on how to present and defend your thesis** and learn about the **do's and don'ts** on research presentation within a **safe environment**, please contact the Programme academic committee.

Send a mail to d9ay@ucm.es indicating your name and the date you submitted the final version of your thesis, after external reports (depósito- trámite 2). For organizational reasons, the request should be submitted with a minimum three-week period.