



PHD SEMINARS

what is what in 2025/2026





WHEN, WHERE, WHO?

Thursday, 9:15 am
room 207


Online participation only in justified cases
(work related trips, conferences)

<https://www.gotomeet.me/NCBJmeetings/phd-seminar>



SOME RULES

This is also an example of a bad slide :)



- Yes, your presentations are graded.
- Yes, we record your presence at seminars.
- Yes, seminars are obligatory.
- You can miss **3 seminars/semester** (personal holidays, or just too cold outside to get out of the bed, we get it).
- Online streaming is only for justified cases. If you can't be on the seminar because you are at the conference, visiting other science institutes, or you are sick, let us know **IN ADVANCE**.
- **If you join online without informing us in advance about the reason, we will treat it as an absence.**

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<https://gradschool.ncbj.gov.pl/scheduled-talks>

Upcoming Speakers

- 09.10 – Welcome meeting
- 16.10 – Juan Esau Cervantes-Hernandez (rehearsal: Jakub Wagner)
- 23.10 – Sushobhan Mandal (rehearsal: Michał Bluj)
- 30.10 – Shuaibo Geng (rehearsal: Anna Durkalec)
- 06.11 – Ludovic Varrin (rehearsal: Jakub Wagner)
- 13.11 – Nicola Principi (rehearsal: Anna Durkalec)
- 20.11 – Salil Joshi (rehearsal: Michał Bluj)
- 27.11 – Jyotismita Adhikary (rehearsal: Jakub Wagner)
- 04.12 – Antonio Vanzanella (rehearsal: Anna Durkalec)
- 11.12 – Aleksander Augustyn (rehearsal: Jakub Wagner)
- 18.12 – Monika Ghimiray (rehearsal: Michał Bluj)
- 08.01 – Anupama Mohanan (rehearsal: Anna Durkalec)
- 15.01 – Jonas Lang (rehearsal: Jakub Wagner)
- 22.01 – Saptarshi Pal (rehearsal: Anna Durkalec)

Speaker instructions

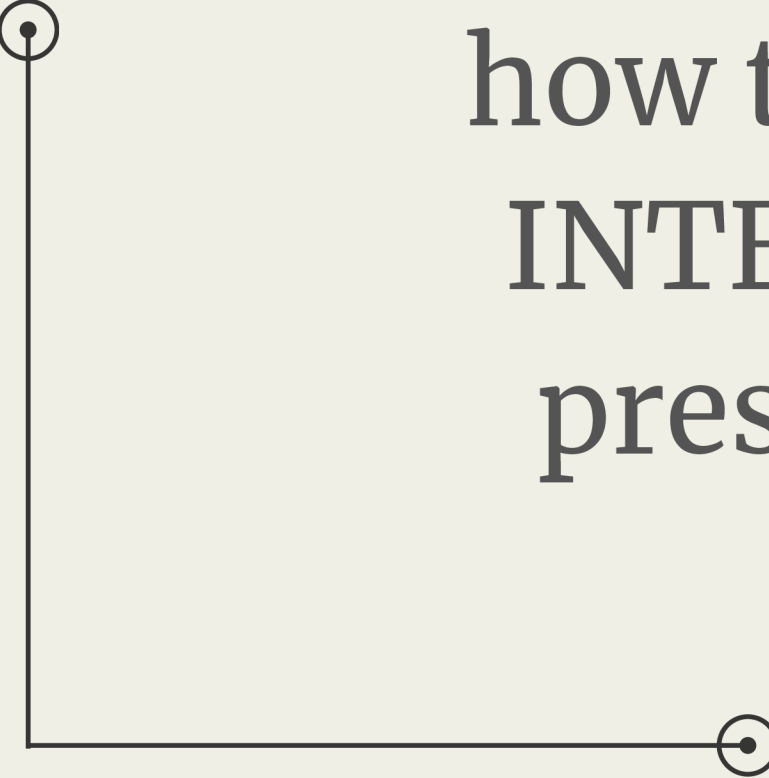
- **Two weeks before your talk:** Contact one of the seminar coordinators to discuss the format of your talk—conference, or defense—the formats differ in scope and length.
- **One week before your talk:** Arrange a **rehearsal** with one of the coordinators to discuss the content of your slides, prepared **after consulting your supervisor**.

almost-final version



REHEARSALS

What we do?



Giving feedback on
how to make an
INTERESTING
presentation

What we don't do?

Giving feedback or fact
checking science. This
is between you and
your supervisor.



SEMINAR SYSTEM

YEAR 2

30–40 min

Presentation should be about general scientific background of your project + some results if you have any.

YEAR 3

15–20 min

Conference-like presentation about results of your scientific work. Main result without too many details.

YEAR 4

20 min

PhD defense-like presentation. Convince us that your work is important.



YEAR 2

30-40 min

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1

Give us background of your scientific work.
Explain basic concepts.

2

Show some previous relevant results from
literature.

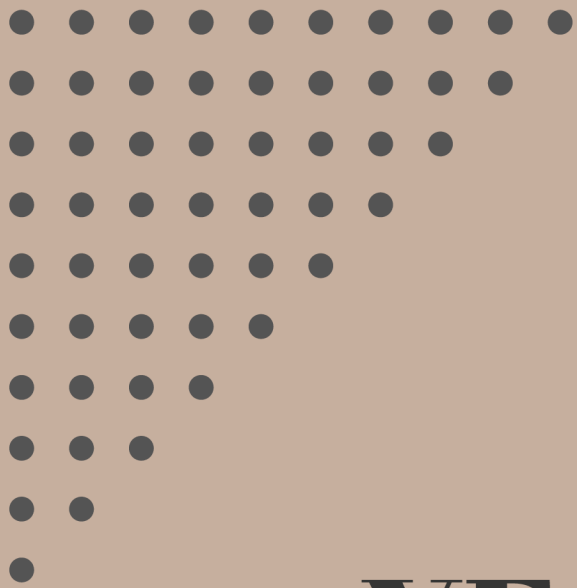
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Answer one important question

WHY?

4

Optional. Show preliminary results.



YEAR 3

15–20 min

Conference-like presentation about results of your scientific work. Main result without too many details.

1

Short introduction. Why your results are important. Give us quick context.

2

Method. Without too many details explain what you did.

3

Show us your results!

4

Optional. Future plans? Tell us more.



YEAR 4

20 min

PhD defense-like
presentation. Convince us
that your work is important

1

Short introduction. Why your work is important.
Give us context within the literature.

2

Method. Explain what you did and how you
did it. Don't bore your jury too much.

3

Show us your results! Stay focus explain and convince
us that they are important.

4

What can be done more! This is just the beginning of
your career.





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20 min

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Remember!

You need to
SELL
your work

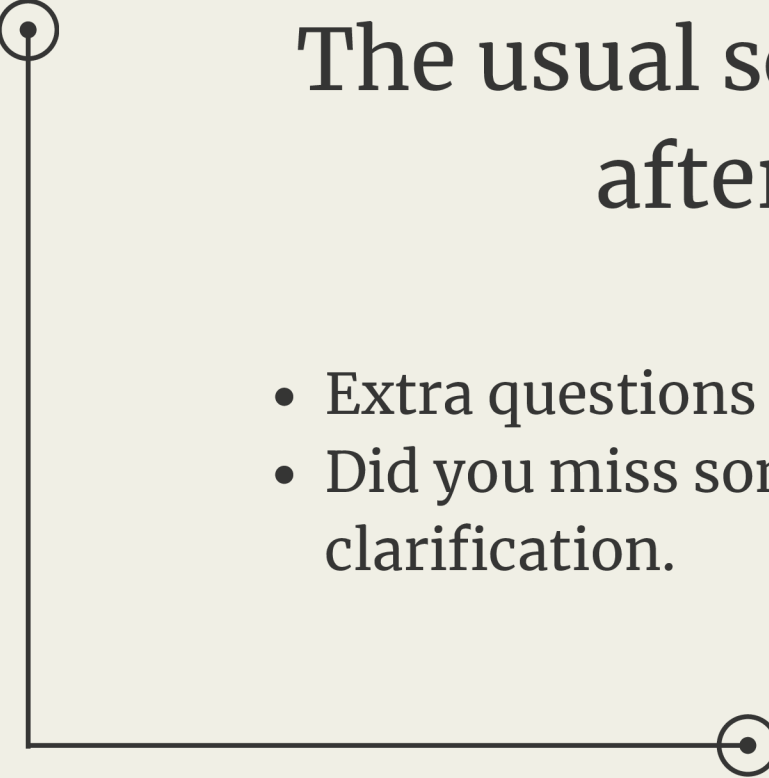


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WHAT DO WE DO WITH EXTRA TIME?

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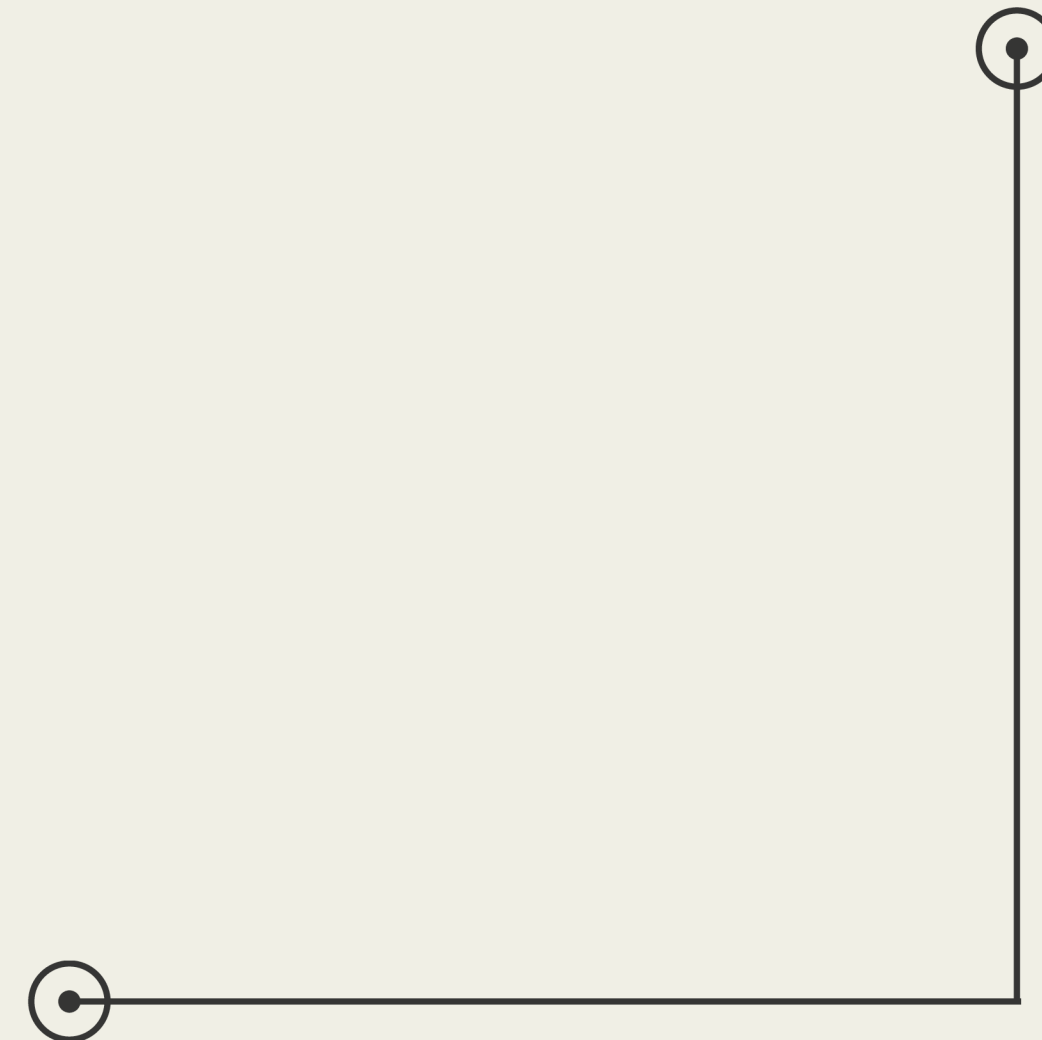
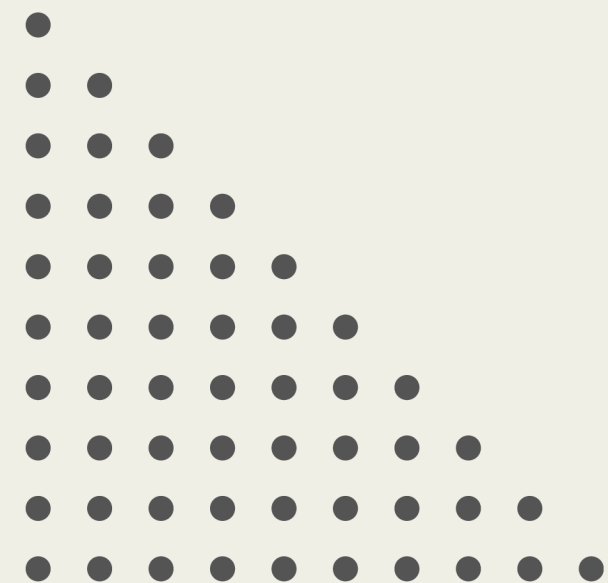
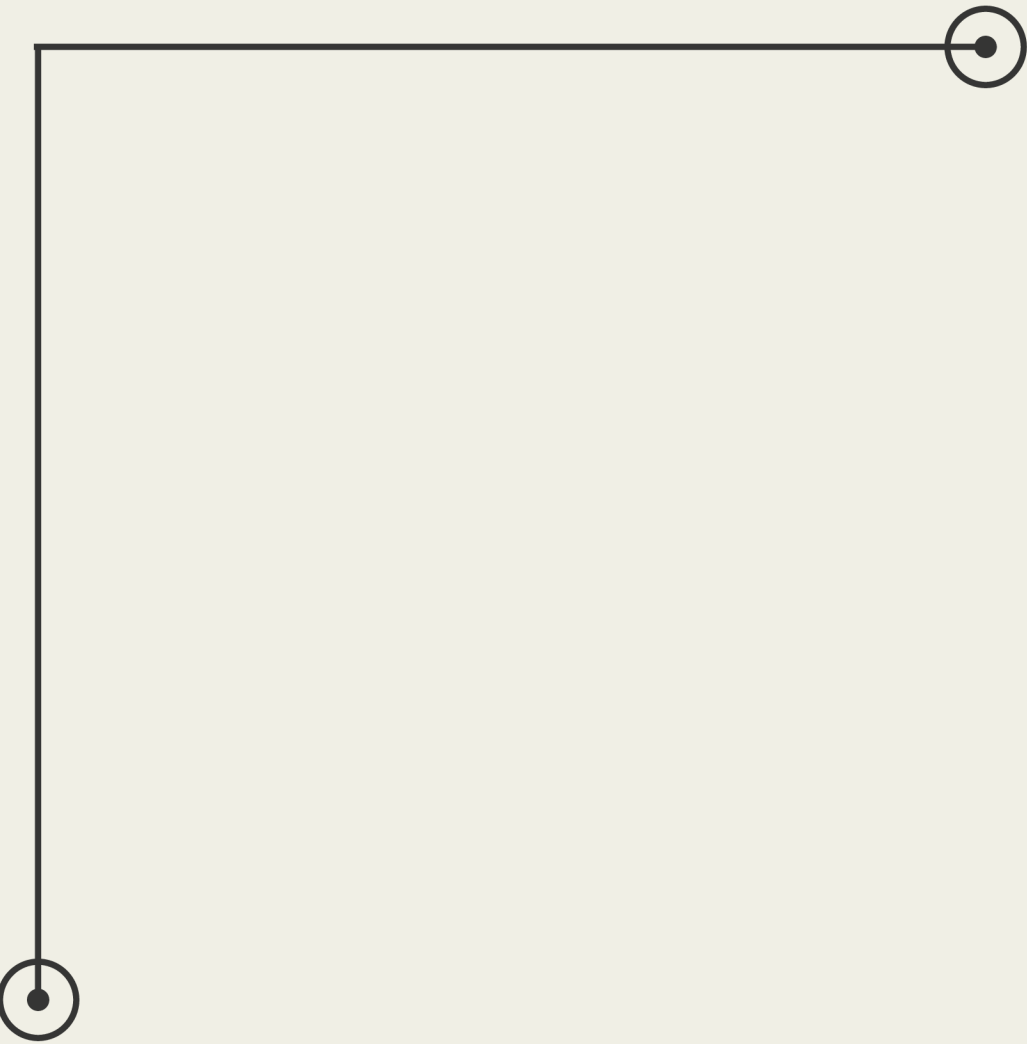
The usual science questions
after the talk.

- Extra questions for the speaker
- Did you miss something? Ask for the clarification.

2

Audience feedback about the
presentation

- What did you like?
- What you didn't like?
- Do you have ideas how presentations could be improved?



OPEN DISCUSSION OR ANONYMOUS?

QUESTIONS?

When you finish your presentation
and someone asks you a question



If you have questions, comments or ideas
for improvement. Send me an email:

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