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SALC Postgraduate Welcome Week: Being a Part-Time Student

Programme

- Why are you a PT postgraduate student?
- What concerns and fears do you have?
- Brief visit from current PT postgraduates
- What are the challenges and opportunities of the PT postgraduate experience?
- How can the School, Faculty and University support you?
- How can you support yourself and others?
- What concerns and fears do you have?

Why are you a PT postgraduate student?

- Group activity (5 mins) and report back
- Reasons to study part time:
 - Family commitments
 - Financial responsibilities
 - Existing career path
 - Others??
 - What concerns and fears do you have? Group activity: ONE SENTENCE PER PERSON, please!!!!

What concerns and fears do you have?

- Making slower progress
- Being rushed/superficial/last-minute
- Not being able to participate in social and research events outside core timetable/commitments
- Not looking and behaving like a real postgraduate student (perceptions)
- Others??

Challenges (and opportunities)

- Having less time and energy to dedicate to study
- Ditto social and research events
- Meeting deadlines
- Multi-tasking
- Time management
- Materials management

(Challenges and) opportunities

- Work-related social life
- Variety
- Independence and financial responsibility
- Life experience (and your research)
- Non-peer audiences and interlocutors
- More than one focus-point for professional well-being
- The ability to focus

How can the School, Faculty and University support you?

- Mitigating Circumstances
- Student Support
- SALC PG Office
- Your Programme Director (MA), PHD Supervisor/s, Panel Adviser
- School PG and your Programme Handbooks
- Your peers
- Other PG students

How can you support yourself and others?

- Ask for help if you need it
- Use group settings to enthuse and accelerate your learning (collaboration is good)
- Manage your time along professional lines
- Factor in 'official' relaxation time (this applies to all PG students)
- Don't set unrealistic goals
- What else?

What concerns and fears do you (still) have

- Provide at least one solution to the concerns you expressed in groups at the beginning of our session
- Any remaining questions?
- Thank you and good luck with your PG career