

## 1. Arguing and Debating in the Sciences

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*„The great accomplishment of the civil society is getting along with each other, even though there are partially incompatible positions.“*

Prof. Dr. Detlef Pollack, Sociologist



### Initial situation and goals

Research thrives on dispute, on the clash of scientific opinions, paradigms, and contradictory results. For this reason, it is all the more important that the students' argumentative abilities meet the standards required for scientific work.

By means of debate training, the participants of graduate programs get a true understanding of what debating means. Through debate training awareness of what makes arguments good is achieved. Furthermore the shift from debating being a sport to it being a useful method, not only in research but also for business, is becoming ever clearer. The participants directly experience how applicable and result-oriented debating is.

### Goals:

- Finding well-founded arguments as well as checking their relevance
- Building arguments in a coherent and convincing manner
- Being able to refute solid arguments
- Presenting oneself in a self-confident manner, even if the audience is a discerning one
- Handling interruptions and fault-finding questions in a confident manner