

PhD Onboarding and Get-Together

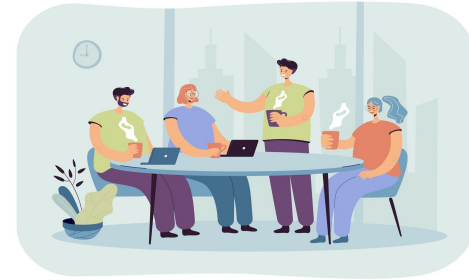
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Who we are

- **PhD student council:**
 - Representation of interests of the
 - PhD students at the department of physics
- **Representative Board:**
 - Lena Hauswald (IMS)
 - Greta Heine (ETP)
 - Mariia Poleva (TFP)
 - Marie Louise Schubert (TFP) - Speaker
 - Jan Voss (ETP)



Our Website

What we do

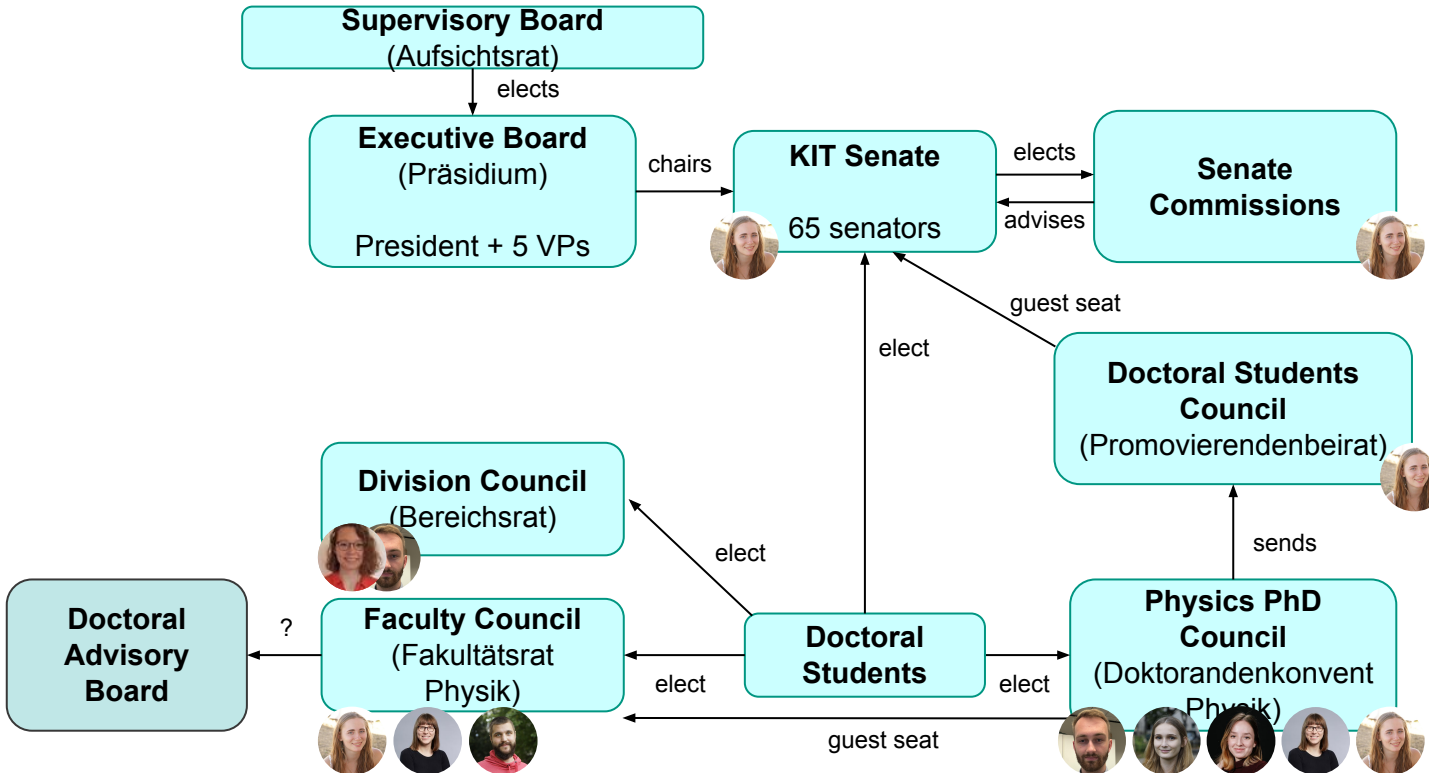
- **Representation in official boards:**
 - Faculty Board
 - Division Board
 - Doctoral Students Council
 - In the (near!) future: doctoral advisory board
- **Work on:**
 - Processes during a doctorate (Promotionsvereinbarung, Promotionsordnung, oral exam procedure, ...)
 - Working conditions (contract of employment, studentship, teaching, ...)
 - Networking of the Ph.D. students



Committee Structure at KIT

Senate Commissions

- Study and Teaching (SK SL)
- Examination Regulation, Admission and Selection (SK POAZ)
- Strategy and Structure Affairs (SK STR)
- Questions of the Teacher Education (SK Lehrer)
- Ethics (SK Ethik)
- Equity and Diversity (SK CHG)
- Budget (SK Haushalt)
- Good Scientific Practice (SK GWP)
- KIT-Plus



Enrolling as a student

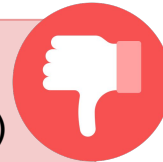
Advantages:

- lower **mensa** prices (at least 1€ per dish)
- free **GitHub Copilot**
- free **therapy** (PBS)
- free **public transport** after 6pm and on weekends/holidays
- free **bike** for <30min rides (KVV nextbike)
- participation in **elections** for doctoral representatives in official boards
- non-EU doctoral candidates: helps with **visum** if the contract ends before PhD is finished
- further **discounts** (Amazon, Spotify Premium, cinema, museums, state theater,...)



Disadvantages:

- costs (200€ per semester for EU & non-EU students)
- paperwork...



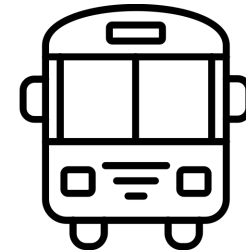
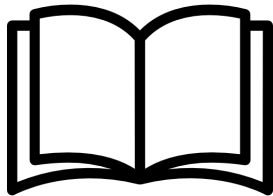
How?

→ [Talk](#) of the Dean

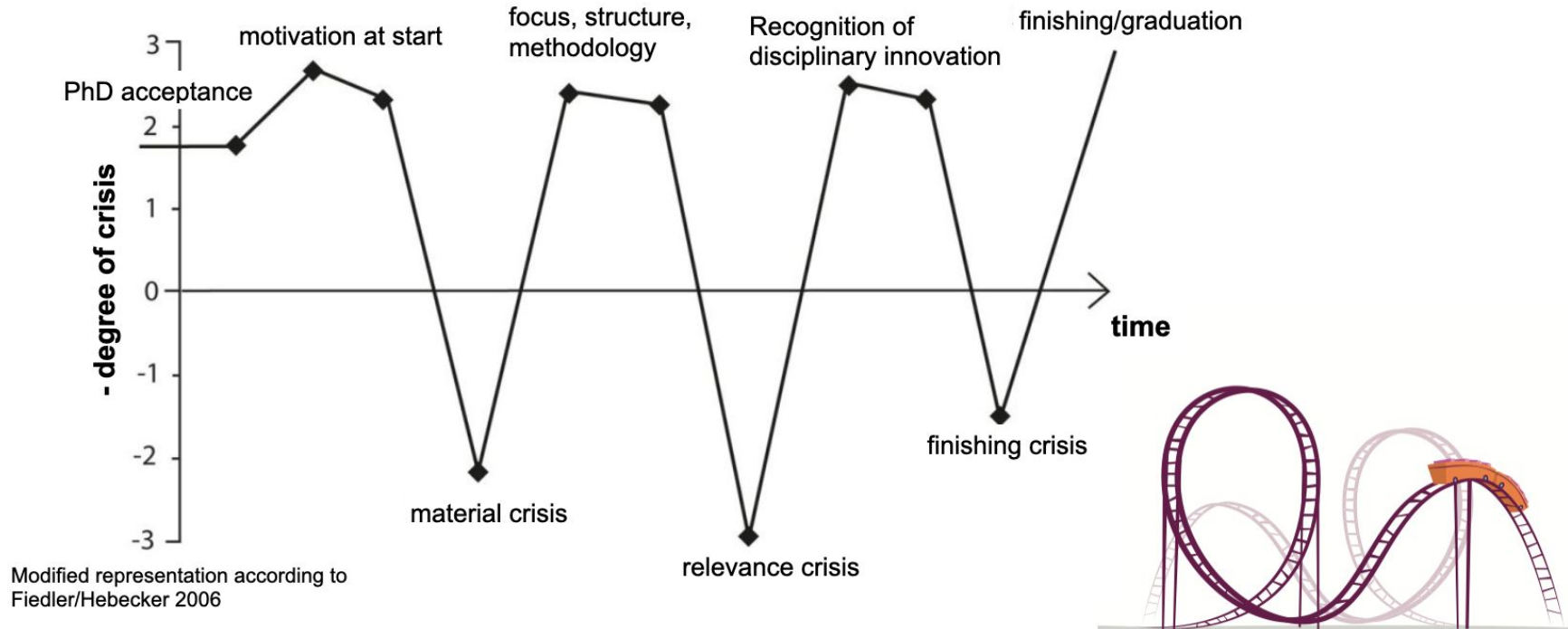


KIT benefits

- KIT [library](#) (many online resources, paywall papers etc)
- KIT [software shop](#) (Adobe, Mathematica,)
- KIT [sports](#) offers (>70 sports) and [language](#) courses (16 languages)
- free [Microsoft Office](#) or Overleaf Premium
- [DB JobTicket](#) (German-wide public transport ticket) for ~25€/month



Course of PhD



If you feel unwell or need mental support...

- free therapy session for students by [PBS](#)
- hotlines if you need to talk to somebody: [nightline](#) & [Telefonseelsorge Karlsruhe](#)
- systemic therapy offers by [Systemica](#) with short waiting times



Who is here today?

Prof. Dr. Guido Drexlin

- Professor of experimental astroparticle physics
- @ KATRIN experiment
- Dean of the physics faculty



Who is here today?

Prof. Dr. Ing. Stefan Hinz

- Professor in the Institute of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (IPF)
- Leader of the graduate school GRACE (Graduate School for Climate and Environment)
- Ombudspersons at KIT
→ contact persons in cases of conflicts between doctoral researchers and supervisors during the doctoral research phase.



Further Information



Website
PhD student council



Flyer
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How to PhD (physics)

What can you do?

- Join our get-together each semester: talk about current & future projects, exchange ideas, vote on new representatives, etc.
- Contact us (physik-doktoranden-vorstand@lists.kit.edu) if:
 - you want to **help** with ongoing projects
 - you want to **become part** of our council
 - you have **more ideas** to improve PhD life at the Department of Physics
 - you simply want to chat :)



Thanks for coming and have fun!

Extra Slides

How to start your PhD

1. Fill out the [doctoral agreement](#)
([Promotionsvereinbarung](#))
2. Register with [KHYS](#) via the [Docata Portal](#)
3. Apply for **PhD acceptance** at the dean's office at the faculty of physics
4. **Enroll** as a doctoral student (optional if employed with a position $> 50\%$)
5. Enroll in one of the physics associated **graduate school** (if applicable)



How to end your PhD

1. Finish your **thesis** :)
2. Officially apply for [admission to the Doctoral Examination and Opening of the Doctoral Procedure](#) (Docata portal, then hand it in to the Dean's office)
3. **Oral Exam**: There are 20 minutes to present your (most important) work, then 50 minutes of questions by your PhD Commission
4. **Publish** your dissertation within one year after the exam

End

