

Ombuds Office for Good Scientific Practice at the University of Innsbruck

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background

- need for information and/or uncertainty re. GSP in specific cases
- severe impact of formal inquiries
 - formal procedures, often involving external actors and/or institutions (e.g., reviewers, ÖAWI)
 - even in case of exoneration a stain on the CV may remain
 - consequences and/or emotional stress for suspect's environment
 - consequences and/or emotional stress for whistleblowers or informants

tasks and activities of the Ombuds office

- easy-access consulting and counselling on GSP
 - e.g., re. authorship
- easy-access consulting and counselling in suspected cases of scientific misconduct
 - for informants
 - persons accused of scientific misconduct
- conflict mediation

principles

- not bound by instructions
- neutral
- confidentiality
- possibility of anonymous contact
- target audience: researchers at University of Innsbruck
(*no degree theses*)

who are we?



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PhD course 'Good Scientific Practice'

- generic skills for PhD/Doctoral Programmes
- instructors
Albrecht Becker (Department of Organisation & Learning)
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- open to PhD students from all disciplines