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# **European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium User Help Documentation**<sup>1</sup>

#### **Information**

## **Code of Conduct**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This document is an adapted version of the Code of Conduct created by The Open University. The adaptation was prepared in agreement with the Open University.

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- 5. Each European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium user undertakes that he or she will not hold the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C. liable for any material contributed to a conference by another person, which is defamatory of that European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium user.
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- 7. The Administrators of the European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium system may need to access any areas of your European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium account in order to investigate technical problems, in response to a complaint or through a Subject Access request.
  - o The European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium is not provided for personal purposes but if private mail messages are so used and intended to be private, they should be marked accordingly (using the message, "Private chat" option). Any personal information in such messages, provided the facility is properly used, will not be provided in response to a subject access request. Messages sent to any conference, cannot be deemed as private personal information.
- 8. Information regarding your use of the European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium system will be used to generate statistics on system usage. These statistics may be used in European Ph.D. research or publications. Information about individuals will not be referenced in such material without their prior consent.
- 9. All users must comply with the European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium Code of Conduct.

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This Code of Conduct relates specifically to European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium but the general principles involved apply to all electronic communications systems supplied by the European Ph.D. on SR&C and apply to staff and students alike.

The European Ph.D. on S.R. & C.'s general rules and regulations apply to users of the European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium (and all other electronic communication systems) just as they do in any other University environment.

- 1. The European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium is a conferencing system for people connected with the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C. In this environment students join with both staff and visitors to debate and discuss issues of academic and general interest. Some conferences are also copied to other external conferencing systems. All European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium users should recognise that comments made in such an environment reflect not only on themselves but also on the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C. as an institution. The European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium must not be used to bring the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C. into disrepute.
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  - o Harassment or intimidation of another user
  - Person to person aggression within conferences

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- o Deviation from the spirit of a conference
- o Excessive or inappropriate use of jargon, banter or graffiti

None of these are considered acceptable behaviour on the European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium.

- 3. European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium users should not contribute to a conference unless their contribution is intended to further the aims of the conference.
- 4. Personal comments about other users and their views should not be placed in public conferences.
- 5. Copying or forwarding of private messages to another person without the author's explicit permission is a breach of confidentiality.
- 6. All European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium preferred names must be a true representation of your student record as held on the European Ph.D. on S.R. & C.'s central records.
- 7. The Code of Conduct applies equally for Video-audio Private or Public Chat as for mail messages. Misuse of the chat facility will result in this facility being removed from your European Ph.D. Web-Auditorium account.
- 8. The primary responsibility for the management of any conference lies with its moderator. The moderator must ensure that the conference meets the above guidelines. (Moderators will be provided with advice on their responsibilities within their conferences.)