

Research Away Day 2024

Welcome

Department of Political Science
University College London
n.metternich@ucl.ac.uk

Thank you!!!

Research
Away Day

- To you (~420h away from research)
- To Monica and Sandy
- To DRC
- To Ben
- To Speakers

- Research Away Website
<https://nilswmetternich.github.io/ResearchUCLDay>
- Morning sessions
- Afternoon sessions
- Links to documents
 - Departmental documents
 - Insights to research productivity and research environment

Motivation for Research Away Day

Research
Away Day

- Research Community post-pandemic
- Departmental centrifugal and centripetal forces
- Enabling your research

Key objectives of Research Strategy 2024-29

Research
Away Day

- 1 Community, collegiality and respect to define our approach to engaging with research
- 2 A research environment that promotes equality, diversity and inclusion
- 3 Research that is well supported financially and enabled by an effective professional services research support team.
- 4 To enhance our reputation as leaders for rigorous, impactful research and external engagement
- 5 To facilitate an environment for outstanding collaborative and autonomous research alongside excellent teaching.
- 6 A research community that is attentive to the support of a variety of career tracks.

Research Director Perspective

Research
Away Day

- Research is the very core of scientific endeavour
- What I aim(ed) for:
 - Argue for appropriately resource (time and money)
 - Support individual and collaborative research
 - Support research infrastructure
 - Ensure sharing of expertise
 - Build respectful and supportive research environment
 - Foster sense of belonging and academic identity

Research Director Perspective

Research
Away Day

- What I hope I didn't do:
 - Manage researchers
 - Narrow focus on outputs (e.g. REF)
 - Know it better

Today: Focus on Research Funding

Research
Away Day

- Research Funding
- Impact Strategy
- Planning Document

Today: Focus on Research Funding

Research
Away Day

- Research Funding
 - Increasing research resource (Time/Money) (Individual-Department)
 - Career progression (Individual)
 - Enabling collaboration (Networks)
 - Enhancing research environment (Department)
- Impact Strategy
- Planning Document

Today: Focus on Research Funding

Research
Away Day

- Research Funding
- Impact Strategy
 - Ensuring that our research resonates with the 'real world'
- Planning Document

Today: Focus on Research Funding

Research
Away Day

- Research Funding
- Impact Strategy
- Planning Document
 - What can we actually do to achieve our strategic goals?

Enjoy

Research
Away Day

Day is yours!