

Facing Change Together:

Call for Papers

15th Writing Peer Tutor Conference (SPTK)

from 30 September 2025 to 2 October 2025 in Berlin,

studierendenWERK BERLIN in cooperation with the SRH University of Applied Sciences

Since 2008, writing peer tutors (SPTs) at various German-language writing centers, writing workshops, writing labs and other writing didactic institutions are organizing the Writing Peer Tutor Conference (SPTK). This year the SPTK is taking place for the 15th time and for the very first time in Berlin.

During the conference, we would like to address the changes that are increasingly finding their way into our work as student writing counselors. It is important to us to actively address the processes of social and digital transformation that are currently taking place and to consciously shape the changes happening to us. We could deal with the following or similar questions: How is our situation as writing peer tutors changing right now? What do our different work realities currently look like and what challenges do we have to overcome? What do we see in the future of peer-to-peer writing counseling? How can student initiatives be sustainably organized and strengthened? What new forms and formats of counselling would you like to try out in the future? What are our visions for the future of student peer-to-peer writing counseling?

Possible topics for your contributions could be:

- Ideas workshop: Instigating synergies, cooperation, networking and team building among writing peer tutors
- How we can capture and transfer our shared counseling knowledge and prevent knowledge loss?
- Which groups of students should receive more attention in counseling in the future?
- As writing peer tutors, how can we tailor our counseling work better for different target groups?
- Initiatives regarding diversity and/or awareness in peer-to-peer writing counseling

- Exchange on the working realities of writing peer tutors
- What opportunities and risks do generative AI tools pose for the writing and counseling process?
- Strengths inventory: Dealing with crises, conflicts and feelings in student peer-to-peer writing counseling

Please feel free to bring further topics to the table that inspire you. We look forward to your contributions in time frames of 45 or 90 minutes. 45 minutes are suitable for a short keynote speech followed by a discussion, while 90 minutes are suitable for more elaborate workshops with group work. You are welcome to experiment with the formats as long as you stay within the selected time frame. You can submit contributions alone, in pairs or as a group. Presentations can be held in German and English. The submission due date is 30 June 2025. To submit your contributions, please use the submission form. You can find it on our website: <https://www.stw.berlin/kompetenzwerk/schreibzentrum/sptk.html>

Please have the following information ready for your submission:

- Name(s) and email address(es) of the speakers
- Duration of the contribution (45 or 90 minutes)
- Details of the type of contribution (e.g. keynote speech, workshop, etc.)
- Contribution title (possibly subtitle)
- Abstract (for publication in the program booklet): max. 150 words
- Short summary of your contribution (Are you planning exercises, a discussion, or a presentation of your research?): approx. 300 words
- Short biography of the speakers (max. 50 words per person)

After submitting your contribution, you will receive a confirmation and information on the further procedure via email. We will keep you informed about the Call for Participation.

Do you have any questions about the submission process or the SPTK in general? Please feel free to contact us at any time: schreibberatung@stw.berlin

We look forward to seeing you and are very excited about your contributions!

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