

Power Abuse Survey 2025

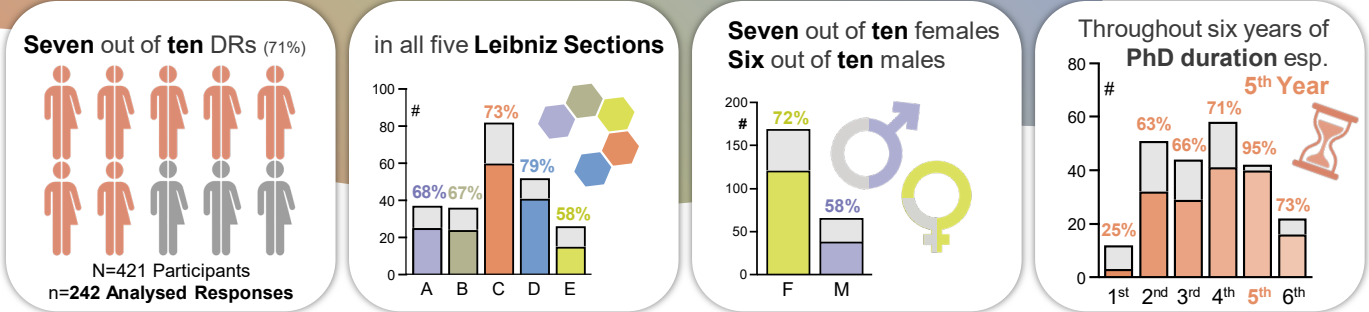
Preliminary Findings



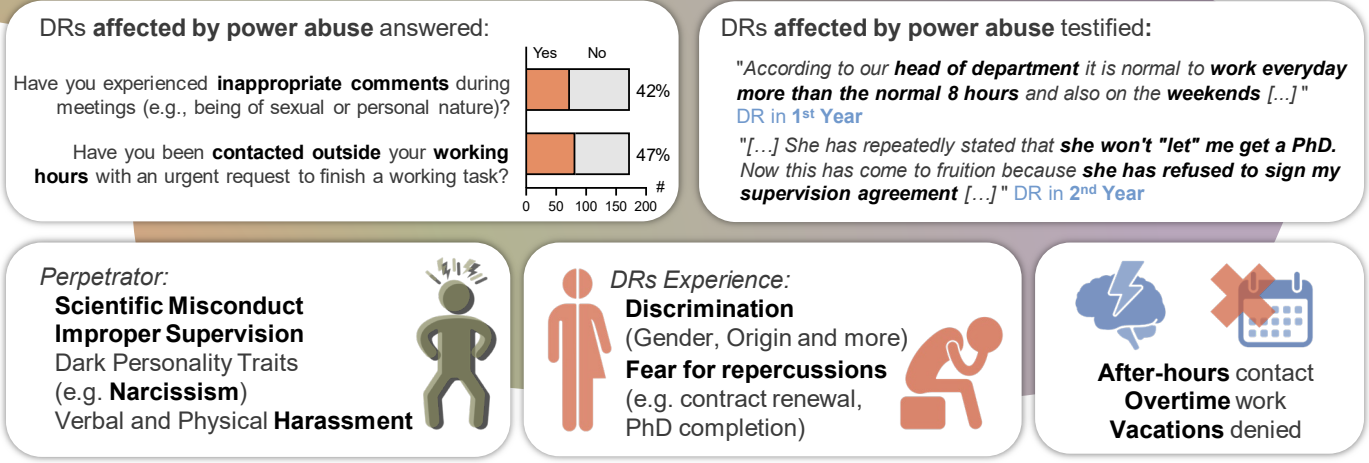
“Power abuse” or **“abuse of power”** is commonly defined as using one’s position of power (Dahl, 1957) to take advantage of a person in an inferior position for personal gain or to harm said person (UNESCO, 2020). [...] ¹

With this survey, we aim to uncover the mechanisms of power abuse within the Leibniz Association, raise awareness among Doctoral Researchers (DRs) about internal and external resources, and guide those affected toward supportive networks and services. We also advocate for stronger support structures to reduce the impact of power abuse in academia.

Who is affected by Power Abuse in our Institutes?



How does Power Abuse look like?



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More general information on the survey: <https://leibniz-phd.net/survey/power-abuse-survey/>
What can I do if I experience Power Abuse? <https://leibniz-phd.net/useful-resources/>

You can get in contact with us - write to: ppa.leibnizphd@outlook.com
If you want to work with us on advocating, analysing and finally improving the situation, please feel free to reach out.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

