**Ombudsman**

The Graduate Academy has ombudsman who mediate when there are severe conflicts between doctoral candidates and their supervisors.

The ombudsman are two experienced academics who act independently and impartially, and who maintain the strictest confidence. They have their background in different disciplines:

- **Prof. Dr. Holger Gies** (Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Sciences)
  deputy: **Prof. Dr. Maria Mittag**

- **Prof. Dr. Claudia Hammerschmidt** (Humanities and Social Sciences)
  deputy: **Prof. Dr. Peter Noack**

In cases of conflict, please contact **Dr. Gunda Huskobla**. She supports the activities of the ombudsman in the office of the Graduate Academy and pass on your request.

In the event of suspicions or accusations concerning scientific misconduct, please contact one of the persons of trust. The German Research Foundation (DFG) has also deployed an ombudsman for science whom you may approach.