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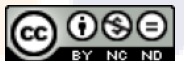
Incidents in the supervision of the doctoral thesis

**CASE 5: Student assigned by the university**

The supervisor's perspective



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In September, the Doctoral School contacted me. There is one person, Gustavo, who enrolled in the Doctorate in Pedagogy to do the thesis on a subject very similar to my research topic. They informed me that they designated me as the supervisors. Sure, I got a bit angry first; I don't know this person at all; but apparently there is nothing to do. So, we met each other and we started talking about his thesis, but from the first moment things were not going very well... He has a very inflexible idea of what he wants to do, and I just don't find it interesting and, above all, it's not original, but there's no way to make him change his mind. We have discussed it several times but nothing has changed.

I think I'll tell him that he has to look for another supervisor. I have enough work as it is, and especially now more than I have assigned the coordination of the course, and I don't to discuss with him anymore; it's like talking to a wall! If he just listened, it might be an interesting thesis and I think he could do a good job, but the truth is that I'm running out of patience.

