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DOCTORAL
SYMPOSIUM

PRE-EVENT BRIEFING



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AGENDA

- Symposium Objectives & Expectations
- Guide on critiquing a research overview
- Guide on doing a presentation
- Information on panel sessions
- Q&A

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES & EXPECTATIONS

- OBJECTIVES

- Enrich the experience of doctoral candidates who are from a broad cross-section of universities.
- Provide opportunities for participants to present work-in-progress in a constructive forum and receive feedback from others.
- Enable participants to interact with doctoral candidates and with recognised leaders in accounting & finance education and research → participants will be exposed to a range of issues with respect to doctoral study and wider aspects of academic life.

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES & EXPECTATIONS

- EXPECTATIONS

- Attendance is required at all study group and keynote sessions.
- Participation is required at all study group sessions.
- What to prepare for the Symposium
 - Your presentation in PPT that you can share with your study group;
 - Your comments in PPT on the research overview assigned to you;
 - Your questions and comments on the other research overviews in our study group;
 - Readings for the keynote sessions; and
 - Questions for the faculty sessions.

SYMPOSIUM VENUE

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GUIDE ON CRITIQUING A RESEARCH OVERVIEW



The first read-through

What is the main question addressed by the research? Is it relevant and interesting?

How original is the topic? What does it add to the subject area compared with other published material?

Is the research design sound?

Is the review well written? Is the text clear and easy to read?



Before the second read-through

Read key papers in the area

(1) guided by the overview, and

(2) do your own research.



GUIDE ON CRITIQUING A RESEARCH OVERVIEW (cont'd)



Indicate the work's strengths, its quality and completeness



Briefly summarize what the project is about (WHAT & HOW)



Try to put the project into the context of the existing literature and current knowledge



Indicate the significance of the work (motivation) and if it is novel or mainly confirmatory (WHY)

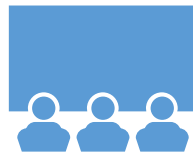


State any major flaws or weaknesses and note any special considerations.



Further suggestions to help improve the project

GUIDE ON CRITIQUING A RESEARCH OVERVIEW (cont'd)



Prepare slides for a 10-minute presentation.



Your primary role is judging the research content. Don't spend too much time commenting on formatting, grammar or spelling. But do comment on the clarity of the language and content.



Be considered, respectful and constructive! Treat each other as we would be expected to be treated. However, expect to be challenged about your research choices.



One Hour Student Presentations



30 mins Student
Presentation



10 mins Student
Discussant



20 mins General
Feedback



GUIDE ON DOING A PRESENTATION

- Helpful tips...
 - Review slides and prune unnecessary material/words.
The minimalist approach is best.
 - Practise your talk before-hand.
 - Try to avoid reading notes.
 - Be confident... the audience are on your side.
 - Dress comfortably for making a presentation.

GUIDE ON STUDENT PRESENTATION

- Focus on:
 - Aims and significance
 - Research question(s)
 - Relevant background literature
 - How does your research add to the literature?
 - Major hypotheses for quantitative research/theories and research context for qualitative research
 - Proposed research design
 - For quantitative research – proposed sample, measures, data sources etc.
 - For qualitative research – methodology, methods, data collection and analysis, research credibility, etc

INFORMATION ON PANEL SESSIONS

- Faculty and industry panels on the following topics:
 1. Research Impact for PhD and Post-PhD
 2. Your Career Post-PhD
 3. *Ask Me Anything*
- Welcome suggestions and questions from you! Email them to: j.harrison@auckland.ac.nz by **Friday 20 June.**



