**Advice to Presentations of Dissertation Projects**

* Presentation slides design
  + Things to be included (maximum 15 slides as you might only have 10-15 minutes for presentation):
    - background (motivation, objectives and research problems); 1-2 slides
    - related work: a brief summary about SOTA; a table would be good; 1 slide
    - design: rationale, key ideas, and architecture; highlight novel aspects if there is any; 1-2 slides
    - implementation: techniques, models, programming languages, and implementation environment; 1-2 slides
    - experiments: provide information on the datasets; include the experimental settings and information on all the experiments; 2-3 slides
    - evaluation: define the evaluation metrics; present the evaluation results (in tables and diagrams); present the comparison results with SOTA (in tables and diagrams); provide a discussion on your findings; *you might only have some preliminary results, that is OK, just include whatever results you have for the presentation*; 2-4 slides
    - conclusion and future work: a few bullet points, 1 slide
  + Use less text with large font sizes; use less colors unless necessary; think about some artistic and professional design; sometimes, the simpler the design, the better; LaTex is recommended.
  + *I can provide a quick feedback if you send your slides to me at least TWO days before the presentation day.*
* Before Presentation
  + Review your slides a few times to minimse errors (e.g. typos, grammartical errors, and wrong data).
  + Practise several times at home and get familiar with the slides.
  + Have a good sleep and make sure you look great for the presentation; a relatively formal dress is highly suggested.
* During presentation
  + Be yourself and confident (it’s your own work and nobody is more familiar with it than you).
  + Be polite and try to have a smiling face; don’t be afraid to make eye contact with the examiners.
  + Do not exceed the time limit (the module leader will let you know how much time you will be given).
* Q/A
  + Provide direct, concise and clear answers (especially when the question is a yes/no one; give an answer on yes/no and then explain).
  + This is more like an interactive discussion, while not a dispute.
  + Be honest with what you have done, and do not be afraid to say “*sorry, I don’t know this*” or “*I haven’t taken this into consideration*”; but obviously you cannot say that for many questions.