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Finally getting caught up from the UCDMO conference. I succeeded in meeting with most of the people I needed to talk to, and collected 21,000 words of data relevant to my thesis. I am in the process of adding it to the file of grounded theory notes to code and categorise. Going to the conference was worthwhile; I got many necessary concepts clarified at the primary sources.

Friday last week I met with Dr Martin before both of us were about to leave on travel. I told him about the new book I was reading (Rost, 2011) which is relevant to my thesis, and about my plans for the UCDMO conference. I reported that I was still working on the code book underpinning the grounded theory but expected to have that done in another day or two. (That estimate must be extended until 7th August, because I spent all week either listening or retyping my notes sixteen hours a day, every day of the conference.) Dr Martin and I talked about COS and decided to hold off a week before ping-pong Dr Jirotko again about the September date for a viva. Dr Martin advised a way to handle it: I should ask the assessors to name a deadline for submission of written work; that will serve to get from them the real date by which they intend to read it, and at the same time implicitly reminds them to set a date for the viva. Julie Sheppard reminded me of the deadline to submit written work, and also to give the assessors time to complete the viva before the end of September.

Advice I received: what the assessors want to see is evidence of progress and a convincing argument that I can finish. It is traditional to highlight the contributions claimed in both the introduction and conclusion; since all chapters should be represented, all material should be covered. Do not spend time polishing words already written, at this stage.

I reported a busy week last week spent preparing for the UCDMO conference.

Other activity: Comlab DPhil student conference programme committee meeting tomorrow. There are 23 weeks to submission. Still hoping for a COS viva the week of 5th September, but the date has not been confirmed yet. I need to submit written work for the assessors in about ten days.

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End of WAR 0200.

## References