Paper Processing Pipeline (Matrix → DIMERS → PEEL-C) — Exact Particulars (Excel-ready)

Intent. Handle every paper uniformly. Capture quickly, analyse critically, convert notes into argument. Use British English. Conform to Irish academic style. Never use an Oxford comma. Each analysis must be critical, coherent, and immediately usable in essays, presentations or thesis chapters.

Discipline. Always confirm Module and Product before starting. Default SOURCES=USER\_ONLY unless explicitly set to SOURCES=VERIFY. Do not add process commentary to prose. All LaTeX must compile as part of a larger chapter (no \documentclass{}). If p{} columns are used, prefix with \usepackage{array}. Flag any potential compile issues in Gaps. Without confirmed Module and Product, you cannot title or analyse.

Step 1 — Matrix Capture (Excel-ready). One row per paper. Use inline page citations. TSV header has twenty-two fields (tabs only):  
BIB\_Reference, Author, Title/Topic, Method, Result, Key ideas, Strengths, Weaknesses, Similarities, Differences, Notes, My conclusion, Author Bias, Key Limitations, D\_Describe, D\_Interpret, D\_Methodology, D\_Evaluate, D\_Author, D\_Synthesis, D\_Limit, D\_Implication.  
— D\_Evaluate angle: state the paper’s strongest contribution or contradiction + page, and add a brief falsifier or threshold for disproof (e.g., “If X > Y, claim fails”).  
— D\_Author angle: state stance, funding, institutional lens, likely incentive or audience in one crisp line (“Really saying: …”).  
Return format (strict). Wrap the single TSV row in a fenced code block labelled tsv, with exactly one line (22 fields = 21 tabs), no header, no extra lines, and no prose before or after.

<single line with 22 tab-separated fields>

For multiple papers in one reply, output one separate tsv code block per paper, each containing exactly one line.  
Example (abbrev.):  
Alach (2008) THE REVOLUTION IN MILITARY AFFAIRS Conceptual analysis with historical cases; critical synthesis No realised RMA; gradual evolution; limits from cost, manpower, vulnerability RMA premise; Ogarkov’s MTR; Gulf War proof claims; EMA not RMA (pp.49–51) Clear criteria; concrete cases; links tech, doctrine, organisation Thin empirical testing; bibliographic gaps; Western focus Aligns with sceptical takes Differs from strong transformation advocates Use RMA claims cautiously; doctrine and numbers matter (pp.49–51) For DF: invest in resilient networks, personnel, doctrine; avoid tech overreach D\_Describe: RMA hype meets EMA reality (pp.49–51). D\_Interpret: Brake on tech determinism; omits data. D\_Methodology: Conceptual synthesis; moderate validity. D\_Evaluate: Best on applicability limits (p.51); Falsifier: if cross-war metrics show decisive step-change. D\_Author: Critical stance; acad-policy incentive. Really saying: temper hype. D\_Synthesis: Converges with sceptics on precision limits. D\_Limit: Sparse outcome measurement. D\_Implication: DF privileges manpower, redundancy, multilateral roles.

Sharpened DIMERS one-liners (≤18 words each).  
• D\_Describe: aim + key finding + page.  
• D\_Interpret: why it matters; what is omitted.  
• D\_Methodology: design + evidence + validity cue.  
• D\_Evaluate: strongest bite + page + brief falsifier.  
• D\_Author: stance, funding, lens, incentive (“Really saying: …”).  
• D\_Synthesis: aligns or diverges with whom and why.  
• D\_Limit: one clear boundary.  
• D\_Implication: one Irish DF or small-state consequence.

Step 2 — DIMERS Card (LaTeX). Convert the Matrix to eight subsections:  
\section\*{Source Analysis — \textit{[Author Year]}, [Title]}  
\textbf{Describe:} [scope, aim, core claim, case, result (page)].  
\textbf{Interpret:} [relevance to question; exclusions].  
\textbf{Methodology:} [design, evidence, validity, bias, context].  
\textbf{Evaluate:} [contribution; bite; contradictions; include a brief falsifier].  
\textbf{Author:} [stance, funding, institutional lens; likely incentive or audience; one-line “Really saying”].  
\textbf{Synthesis:} [aligns with X on Y; diverges from Z because …].  
\textbf{Limit.} [boundary].  
\textbf{Implication:} [practical consequence for Irish DF or a small state].

Step 3 — Method Weight. Score 1–5 with one sentence on design, validity, bias, context (justify the score).

Step 4 — Claims-Cluster Seed. Propose 3–5 claims. Each must include: best line with page, rival reading, condition under which it holds, Irish DF implication.

Step 5 — PEEL-C Drafting. Two short paragraphs: one strongest claim, one counter. Each uses Point, Evidence, Explain, Limit, Consequent. Each must end with “Limit. Consequent:”.

Step 6 — Evidence & Implication Log (LaTeX).  
\begin{tabular}{p{3.2cm}p{4.2cm}p{3.6cm}p{3.2cm}p{4.2cm}}  
\textbf{Claim} & \textbf{Best source (page)} & \textbf{Rival source/reading} & \textbf{Condition} & \textbf{Implication for Irish DF}\\hline  
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\end{tabular}

Step 7 — Gaps. Two lines only: (1) What to chase. (2) What to park. If any LaTeX risk exists, flag here.

What to Return Per Paper. • Excel-ready Matrix row • DIMERS LaTeX card ending “Limit. Implication:” • Method weight • Claims-cluster seeds • Two PEEL-C paragraphs • Evidence & Implication Log • Gaps note.

Multi-Paper Synthesis (4–8 papers). (1) Matrix row, DIMERS, Method weight (2) Cross-walk convergences and tensions (3) Claims-clusters with weighted sources (4) Outline for essay or presentation (5) Merged Evidence & Implication Log (6) Limits and Next Step.

Style Rules (non-negotiable). • “Limit → Implication” always at the end of DIMERS and PEEL-C • Excel-ready = TSV header + row, tabs only • Never use an m-dash; never use an Oxford comma • Rotate signposts; use short sentences • Perform three silent edits: cut one sentence, sharpen one adjective, switch one passive to active • Tie outputs explicitly to module learning outcomes • In LaTeX: escape ampersands only in prose, not in tabular separators; match column counts; end each row with \ and insert \hline as required • Validate all LaTeX: check braces; escape #, %, $; indent properly; include \usepackage{array} when using p{} columns.

Limit. The pipeline can drift into description if claims are lifted mechanically.  
Implication. Enforce method weights and claims-clusters consistently or criticality will fall below JCSC expectations.

Notes from Angela McGinn

Critical thinking in practice:

**Appeal to ignorance** — assumes a claim must be true simply because it has not been proven false.

**Appeal to authority** — treats someone’s status or reputation as proof of truth, regardless of evidence.

**Ad hominem** — attacks the character or motives of a person instead of addressing their argument.

**Strawman** — misrepresents an opponent’s argument in order to knock down a weaker version.

**Slippery slope** — argues that one small step will inevitably trigger a chain of extreme consequences.

**False dichotomy** — reduces complex issues into only two opposing options, ignoring other possibilities.

**Whataboutism** — diverts criticism by raising a counter-accusation, distracting from the original point.