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

Intent. Handle every paper in a uniform way. Capture quickly, analyse critically, and then convert the notes into argument form. Always use British English. Always conform to Irish academic style. Absolutely never insert an Oxford comma. The expectation is that each analysis produced under this pipeline is critical, coherent, and immediately useful for integration into 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 introduce process commentary in the prose. All LaTeX outputs must be written to compile as part of a larger chapter, never as a standalone document. Therefore, do not use \documentclass{} or similar. Simply produce the text body. All LaTeX must compile error-free in TeXstudio without any further edits. If p{} columns are used in tabular environments, prefix with \usepackage{array}. Flag any potential compilation issues in the Gaps note. Remember: without confirmation of module and product, you cannot know the title, and without the title, you cannot analyse the source.

Step 1 — Matrix Capture (Excel-ready). Capture one row per paper. Use inline page citations. The TSV header contains twenty-two fields: 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. Produce a single row with twenty-two tab-separated fields. Do not include headers. The row must be directly pastable into Excel. Example:

Alach (2008) THE REVOLUTION IN MILITARY AFFAIRS Conceptual analysis with historical cases; critical synthesis No realised RMA; gradual evolution; limited applicability due to cost, manpower, vulnerability RMA premise; Ogarkov’s MTR; Gulf War proof claims; critical mass integration; EMA not RMA (pp.49–51) Clear criteria for RMA vs evolution; concrete cases; links tech, doctrine, organisation Thin empirical testing; partial pages; bibliographic gaps; Western focus Aligns with sceptical takes on RMA hype Differs from strong transformation advocates who predict decisive dominance Use RMA claims cautiously; doctrine and numbers still matter; note vulnerability to disruption (pp.49–51) For DF: invest in resilient networks, personnel, doctrine; avoid tech overreach D\_Describe: RMA hype meets EMA reality, not transformation (pp.49–51). D\_Interpret: Useful brake on tech determinism; omits detailed data. D\_Methodology: Conceptual synthesis with illustrative cases; moderate validity. D\_Evaluate: Best where it shows cost and applicability limits (p.51). D\_Author: Critical stance on transformation; institutional lens unclear. D\_Synthesis: Converges with sceptics on limits of precision warfare. D\_Limit: Sparse measurement of outcomes across wars. D\_Implication: DF should privilege manpower, redundancy, multilateral roles. Claim: No RMA, only EMA. Claim: Transformed forces are brittle to electronic disruption; DF needs analogue backups.

Sharpened DIMERS one-liners (≤18 words each). • D\_Describe: aim + key finding + page. • D\_Interpret: why it matters and what is omitted. • D\_Methodology: design + evidence + validity cue. • D\_Evaluate: strongest contribution or contradiction + page. • D\_Author: stance, funding, or institutional lens. • D\_Synthesis: aligns or diverges with others. • D\_Limit: one boundary of claim. • D\_Implication: one Irish DF or small-state consequence.

Step 2 — DIMERS Card (LaTeX). Convert the Matrix into a prose block with eight subsections: Describe, Interpret, Methodology, Evaluate, Author, Synthesis, Limit, Implication. Example template:

\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].

\textbf{Author:} [stance, funding, institutional lens; counter-voices].

\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. Add one sentence explaining the score: design, validity, bias, context.

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. Write two short paragraphs. One presents the strongest claim. One presents the counter. Each follows Point, Evidence, Explain, Limit, Consequent. Each must end with Limit. Consequent:.

Step 6 — Evidence & Implication Log. Produce a LaTeX tabular. Format:

\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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Step 7 — Gaps. Two lines only: (1) What to chase. (2) What to park.

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. For 4–8 papers: (1) Matrix row, DIMERS LaTeX, 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 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 in prose: 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 column separators. Match column counts and end each row with \\. Insert \hline as required. • Validate all LaTeX: check braces, escape special characters (#, %, $), indent properly. Include \usepackage{array} when using p{} columns.

Limit. The pipeline can still drift into description if claims are lifted mechanically.

Implication. Enforce method weights and claims-clusters consistently or criticality will fall below JCSC expectations.