

----- EXAM ORGANIZATION -----

- I will NOT be flexible concerning exam dates, but I will have at least eight (8) official exam dates throughout the whole year: 4 in the winter session (already scheduled: 30/01/25 – 11/02/25 – 17/02/25 – 20/02/25), 2 in the summer session (say end of June and mid July), 2 in the September session (say beginning and mid September). Dates in the latter session yet to be fixed. Depending on my schedule, I may add one more date to the summer and/or the September session. NO EXTRA-SESSION DATES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, unless in November for students graduating in December.
- During the exam I may make questions about topics covered in the course, if related to the subject of your presentation.
- The presentation should last at least 30 minutes and not more than 1 hour (the upper bound can be flexible, but exceedingly long presentations will get penalized in grading your exam).
- The presentation will be given (and slides will be written) in English.
- The presentation itself can take any form. Exams will take place in presence (exceptions allowed only according to university regulations), so you may for example prepare slides or choose to deliver your presentation on the blackboard.
- Aside from the replies to my questions, I will evaluate the way you organize your presentation (for example on which parts of the source material you focus and which ones you leave out of the presentation, or how you introduce the general subject) and how you are in control of the subject.
- In the (hopefully most unlikely) case the exam grade is not accepted by the student, she/he will need to choose a different project when retaking the exam.

----- PROJECT CHOICE -----

- Exam projects are roughly divided into three classes (although boundaries can be mixed): book sections/chapters to read and report on, scientific papers to read and report on, numerical simulations to perform and report on.
- You should get in touch with me (say at least one month before your planned exam date) and let me know which general topic, out of the ones treated in the course, you are most interested in, and which type of project you prefer (numerical or reporting on a paper/book chapter). I will then make at least one (possibly more than one) definite proposal and then we iterate until (hopefully fast) convergence. You are welcome to propose yourself a specific project you are interested in (for example a specific paper). The topic of your exam should not be too close to the one you are dealing with in your degree thesis, in case you are already working on it.
- You are in general expected to be mature enough to "digest" and organize the source material by yourself (and to look for other related material); yet, you are welcome to discuss with me in case of any MAJOR doubt.