## CS7CS6: Research and Innovation Methods

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#### Group Project has 3 deliverables

#### 1. Innovation Plan

- Prepare and submit to blackboard a group innovation plan which contains
  - A brief description of your innovation idea and how it relates to your assigned dissertation (max 1 page).
  - An initial business model canvas (BMC) covering at least the value proposition and customer segment components.
  - Supporting text to elaborate on the content included in your BMC including the value proposition, customer segments and any other BMC section you have completed.
  - An ethics canvas relating to your technology based business model.
  - A summary of the hypotheses you plan to test, how you are planning to test these hypotheses (though interviews etc)
  - A short summary of how you have organised your work as a group.

#### 2. Group critique of assigned dissertation

• As a group and using feedback form templates provided contribute to a **critique of the dissertation** assigned to your group. Based on lecture notes, learning from the group assignment processes and marking scheme provided complete the critique feedback form to capture your groups' views on the dissertation and justification for these views.

#### 3. Innovation Presentation

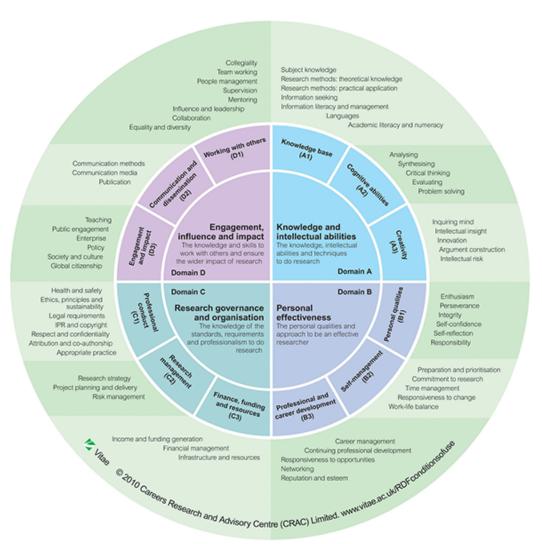
- Contribute to a **group presentation** on your business model development submitted as a 10 min max video. The audience for your video are potential investors. In your video, you should aim to be:
- Clear in the messaging, including on the testing of hypotheses
- **Convincing** and direct in the presentation of evidence gathered and the persevere/pivot decisions made.
- Realistic in your assessment of the viability of your current business model.

#### Module Evaluation and Marking

Submission	Deadline	% of Marks
Group innovation plan	Friday 18th October 2024	10%
Group dissertation Critique	Friday 1st November 2024	10%
<b>Group Innovation Presentation</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	30%
Individual dissertation critique	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	10%
Individual research plan	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	40%

•Team mark, allocated to each participating team member

## CS7CS6 — Researcher Skills and Characteristics



#### An example Research Development Framework

- A. Knowledge and Intellectual abilities
- **B. Personal Effectiveness**
- C. Research Governance and Organisation
- D. Engagement, Influence and Impact

## CS7CS6 — Critiquing papers and dissertations

Some pointers to support the critique of the dissertation assigned to your group. Will also support your critique of papers.

- 1. Context for the Critique
- 2. Critiquing preparation and criteria
- 3. Marking schemes

## CS7CS6 — Critiquing papers and dissertations

1. Context for the Critique

## CS7CS6 - Dissertations

A Dissertation ....

Academic document that presents the

Background

**Process** 

Methods

**Findings** 

and motivation

in order to situate and answer a research question

And thereby demonstrate the writer's mastery of a topic



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## CS7CS6 – Asking research questions



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plato

# This is not something new

"Good Questioners tend to be aware of, and be quite comfortable in, their own ignorance"

A more Beautiful question- The power of inquiry to spark breakthrough ideas, Warren Berger, 2014

### CS7CS6 – Research Communities



# Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

and leave behind a good foundation for others to continue to build.

http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/YouAndYourResearch.html

https://austinstartups.com/standing-on-the-shoulders-of-giants-keeping-austins-future-bright-part-2-5a92d9c4e816
Website/photo credit: https://www.garycarmell.com/standing-on-shoulders-of-giants/

## CS7CS6 — Building on/Recognising others work

**Combining ideas from other researchers** 

Using Others' Methods

Look at what others did- see can it be refashioned for a different context

Testing others' ideas

Looking at the teams others have formed around them- are there any new trends?

Advancing others' ideas

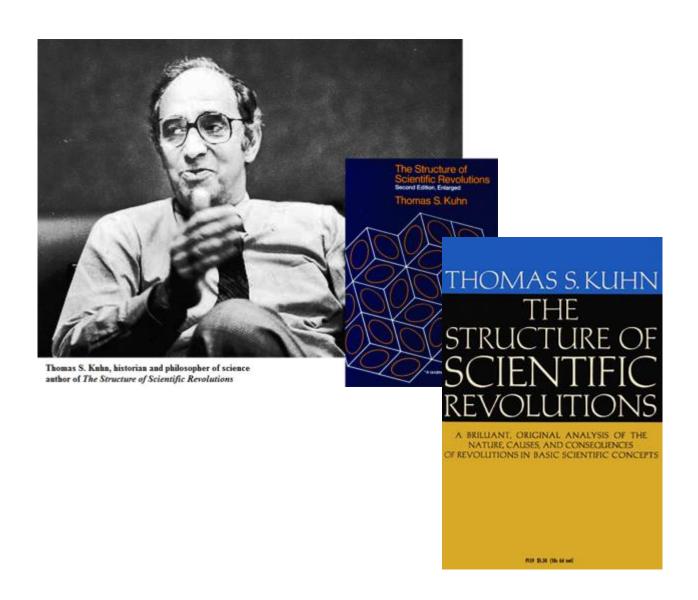
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#### CS7CS6 – Thomas Kuhn(1922-1996)- Paradigm Shifts



## CS7CS6- Thomas Kuhn- Paradigm Shifts

"Kuhn's central claim is that a careful study of the history of science reveals that **development in any scientific field**happens via a series of phases. The first he christened "normal science" – business as usual, if you like. In this phase, a
community of researchers who share a common intellectual framework – called a paradigm or a "disciplinary matrix" –
engage in solving puzzles thrown up by discrepancies (anomalies) between what the paradigm predicts and what is
revealed by observation or experiment. Most of the time, the anomalies are resolved either by incremental changes to the
paradigm or by uncovering observational or experimental error. As philosopher Ian Hacking puts it in his terrific preface to
the new edition of Structure: "Normal science does not aim at novelty but at clearing up the status quo. It tends to discover
what it expects to discover."

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The trouble is that over longer periods unresolved anomalies accumulate and eventually get to the point where some scientists begin to question the paradigm itself. At this point, the discipline enters a period of crisis characterised by, in Kuhn's words, "a proliferation of compelling articulations, the willingness to try anything, the expression of explicit discontent, the recourse to philosophy and to debate over fundamentals". In the end, the crisis is resolved by a revolutionary change in world-view in which the now-deficient paradigm is replaced by a newer one. This is the paradigm shift of modern parlance and after it has happened the scientific field returns to normal science, based on the new framework. And so it goes on."

Thomas Kuhn: the man who changed the way the world looked at science https://www.theguardian.com/science/2012/aug/19/thomas-kuhn-structure-scientific-revolutions

### CS7CS6- Thomas Kuhn- Paradigm Shifts

• "The most intriguing idea, however, is to use Kuhn's thinking to interpret his own achievement. In his quiet way, he brought about a conceptual revolution by triggering a shift in our understanding of science from a Whiggish paradigm to a Kuhnian one, and much of what is now done in the history and philosophy of science might be regarded as "normal" science within the new paradigm.

......But already the anomalies are beginning to accumulate. Kuhn, like Popper, thought that science was mainly about theory, but an increasing amount of cuttingedge scientific research is <u>data-rather than theory-driven</u>. And while physics was undoubtedly the Queen of the Sciences when *Structure...* was being written, that role has now passed to molecular genetics and biotechnology. Does Kuhn's analysis hold good for these new areas of science? And if not, isn't it time for a paradigm shift?"

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## CS7CS6 – Answering questions- How

**Building Prototypes Data Collection Analysing Data Sets Focus Groups Subject Area Interviews Analysis Comparisons** Literature Review on **Evaluation Subject Area** 

The Research Question dictates the methods to be used!

Check the literature to see how other researchers have answered similar questions

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## CS7CS6 – Research Rigour

"Rigorous ("trustworthy") research is research that applies the appropriate research tools to meet the stated objectives of the investigation."

http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2158244014548178

Research rigour concerns trustworthiness of the research. For us to trust research it should

#### Have....

Clarity in all aspects (Area(previous work, state of the art), Question, Method, Resources, potential contribution, limitations). The different aspects of the work should link up in a clear way (demonstrate this in the lines of the research workflow diagram)

#### Be....

Valid- The ability of your method to answer your question with your constraints. Verifiable- The work can be checked by you and others Repeatable- leading to generalizability(if appropriate)

**Explicit and transparent** 

#### Follow....

an appropriate research philosophy, approach and method



## CS7CS6 – Where is the Evidence?



http://evidencebasedliving.human.cornell.edu/2011/12/14/more-evidence-supporting-the-systematic-review/

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## CS7CS6 — Critiquing papers and dissertations

1. Critiquing preparation and criteria

#### CS7CS6 – Taking Notes on Papers/Dissertations

#### Read purposefully ...... Have an agenda when you are reading.

Create an entry in your reference manager, place the paper in an appropriate group. This will provide the opportunity for you to record, the title, authors, full citation, keywords, full text of the paper, year

- The topic of the paper
- Concepts and definitions
- The aim
- The objectives
- The scope of the work
- Try to identify any assumptions made by the authors
- Try to identify any biases e.g. funding, data set used
- Are limitations to the work presented?
- Have they used particular data sets in their work?
- What references have they based their work on?
- What is the most important thing you learnt from the paper
- Where does it fit into your research project?
- Is it relevant/important/significant for your field of work?
- How many citations does the work have?

These notes may prove very useful when you some to deciding what papers to refer to in your proposal/dissertation/assignment.

Create a legend with symbols to mark the papers- e.g. a star for references to follow up on, a circle to mark important sections etc.

## CS7CS6 – Critiquing Papers/Dissertations

A critique of a paper is **NOT** a summary

A summary describes the paper whereas a critique provides a reflection from a variety of viewpoints. The reflection concerns analyses, interpretation, evaluation of the what, why and how of the paper.

When critiquing try not to follow the way the paper is organised as this will probably lead to a summary. Organise your writing according to your reflections on the paper. So, have an initial idea of what you want to reflect on before you read.

Your reflections can be positive and/or negative. A good critique includes your reflections and backs up your impressions with evidence from the paper.

To critique the paper you may need to read it a number of times so that you have a full understanding of it, can reflect on it, consider how it relates to the topic you are studying and other papers you have read and to identify its strengths and weaknesses.

When reflecting on the papers, it can be useful to create a table to capture your thoughts. This can be a useful way of grouping papers and of comparing them which you may need to do in your proposal/dissertation

To guide your discussion, writing, presentation

## CS7CS6 – Reflecting on the Dissertation

Source Rigour Style Data Management Findings and Conclusions References

#### CS7CS6 – Reflecting on the Paper/dissertation

#### Consider the paper from the point of view of its source

- Peer reviewed paper
- Non-peer reviewed
- Website
- Conference paper
- Policy paper
- Professional body documents
- Standards authorities
- Governmental documents
- Academic report for what level/what course
- State agencies
- Commercial groups
- Lobbying/pressure groups
- Year of publication
- Authors/collaborators and their affiliations, stakeholder mix
- Funding agencies.
- Is the source a national/regional/international

#### CS7CS6 – Reflecting on the Paper/dissertation

Consider the paper from the point of view of its Rigour

Is the research presented a valid piece of work? i.e. Is the research design appropriate for the aims of the work?

Is enough information, clarity, transparency given so that the work could be repeated by others?

Is the work carried out in a reliable way? Do spot checks on the calculations.

Trace the logic of the argument presented and determine if the evidence leads to the conclusions drawn. Pay attention to sentences that indicate that conclusions are being drawn- e.g. therefore, it follows that...

Cross check with other papers of a similar type. Does it vary from the other literature in the area? Try to see why?

Is there evidence to support claims?

Are the limitations and assumptions expressed?

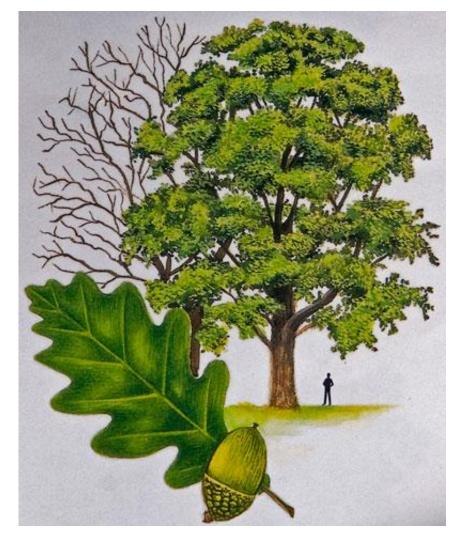
What is your evaluation of the rigour?

### CS7CS6 – Oak Trees take time to Grow

#### Knowing where to plant acorns?

Dr. Richard W. Hamming

http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/YouAndYourResearch.html



## CS7CS6 - Reflecting on the Paper

#### Consider the paper from the point of view of its Style

- Is the work engaging
- How well is it written
- Have both the subject of interest and the method been introduced clearly?
- How is it organised- do the titles of sections match the content of the sections, is there repetition?
- Are all stages of the method explained clearly
- Is the text appropriate for the intended audience
- Have the important terms been defined clearly
- Is the title of the article appropriate, clear and relevant?
- Does the abstract describe what the rest of the paper is about.
- Is there any ambiguity in the paper e.g. in terms used.
- Have the findings been presented clearly?
- Are all diagrams, tables, figures clear and referred to from the text.

#### What is your evaluation of the style?

#### CS7CS6 – Reflecting on the Paper/dissertation

Consider the paper from the point of view of its **Data management** 

The data for a research project could be a dataset and/or it could be data collected from participants in a study. Consider both types of data.

- Is the data collected by the researcher—how is it collected (survey, experiment, interview, case study, focus group).
- Is the data collection method valid, i.e. is it correct/useful for the intended use of the data, has ethics been mentioned?
- If the data is not collected by the researcher, Where did the data come from?
- Is the data used/managed correctly?
- Is the data presented clearly and in a useful way?

What is your evaluation of the data management?

#### CS7CS6 – Reflecting on the Paper/dissertation

#### Consider the paper from the point of view of its **Findings and conclusions**

- Identify the findings(from literature, surveys, experimentation), limitations and any future work.
- Follow the research design and see if the conclusions drawn from the findings are appropriate.
- Use any assumptions you noted earlier and see do they have an effect on the findings and conclusions.
- Does the conclusions section link to the findings from the literature and the findings from the data? Are new ideas brought into the conclusions.
- What is the significance of the findings to the field of work?
- How can these findings and conclusions be of use to you?

#### What is your evaluation of the findings and conclusions?

#### CS7CS6 – Marking Schemes

- Consider the 2 marking schemes on the following slides.
  - What observations can you make about them?
  - How will your assignments and dissertation be assessed?

#### **Example Marking scheme for dissertations**

Default weightings: Problem statement, motivation, and analysis: 10%, Background Research & Literature Review (15%), Technical content and project execution (50%), Testing, evaluation, critical analysis & conclusions (15%), Report presentation and writing (10%)

Scope and Aims	Comments		
Mention whether the research was part of a collaboration with industry.			
Challenges			Comments
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Excellent (70+%)	Pass (60-70%)	Pass (50-60%)	Fail (<50%)
Work of high quality, thorough review of the literature demonstrating extensive knowledge knowledge of past/current work/authors in of past/current work/authors in the field. Evidence of a depth of analysis and Critical and analytical perspective, data		Work of fair quality showing knowledge, understanding and application of relevant writing in the field. More descriptive than critical/analytical. May fall short of applying theoretical principles to project work.	Work of poor quality with inadequate exploration on literature expected for this level of study. Does not link with other chapters.
Problem statement, motivation, and analysis			
Excellent (70+%)	Pass (60-70%)	Pass (50-60%)	Fail (<50%)
Demonstrates an excellent understanding of the research problem. The work is clearly motivated, with deep critical analysis of the problem. The research objectives are clearly stated and given an insightful and critical analysis.	Demonstrates a good understanding of the research problem, motivates the work very well. The research objectives are clearly stated and analysed.	Demonstrates a reasonable understanding of the research problem, though motivation may be lacking. Objectives may be somewhat unclear, and analysis of the problem may be lacking.	research problem, with unclear motivation.

Excellent (70+%)	Pass (60-70%)	Pass (50-60%)	Fail (<50%)
Appropriate choice of strategy and approach. Clear and logical design. Detailed explanation showing evidence of reading and understanding of methods. Methodology	Appropriate choice of methodology. Clear	Appropriate choice without explanation.	Unexplained methodology applied. No reference to reading on methodology or dat collection. Poor research design, or poorly executed.
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Excellent (70+%)	Pass (60-70%)	Pass (50-60%)	Fail (<50%)

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Report presentation and writing			
Excellent (70+%)	Pass (60-70%)	Pass (50-60%)	Fail (<50%)
Dissertation is excellently written, coherent, internally consistent, well organized and exceptionally argued. The report adheres throughout to academic conventions with respect to formatting and referencing and is carefully and effectively presented. Excellent use of figures, tables, and diagrams where appropriate.	Generally adheres to academic conventions and is overall carefully and effectively presented. Suitable use of figures, diagrams,	integration of different sections. Presents some unsupported assertions. Displays some	explanations, evidence and argumentation. Writing is of a poor standard. Has a lack of

#### SE4 Science/Maths Education Project - Mark Sheet

Student:	Assessor:	Total mark:

Marking Criteria	rk	
Development of proposal [5]	Has the student you developed a valid, interesting research question consistent with and appropriate to the research question?	? Is the methodology proposed
Presentation [15]	Has the student given a well-organised, comprehensive account of t project? Are the visual/aural/software presentation aids clear and co Did the student deal well with questions?	omprehensible?
Scientific merit of project [45]	Has the student carried out an interesting and insightful piece of wor maths/science education or contributes usefully to the field? Is the raresearch questions clearly stated? Are the aims and objectives clear assessed? Have appropriate research methodologies been used? A work that you carried out? Is the mathematical/scientific content of yor other data collection and data analysis methods valid and appropriate.	ationale for the work clear and are the dy stated and valid – can they been re your conclusions supported by the our project correct? Are your reviews
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Clarity of structure and content [10]	Is your report clear, comprehensible and well-written? Are diagrams appropriately positioned in your report? Do the different parts of the another?	
Spelling and grammar [5]	Has due care been taken with spelling and grammar which are cruci communication? Have the student carefully reviewed their work before	
Citations and references [5]	Are all sources cited properly in accordance with the Harvard system	1?
Plagiarism [negative marking applies]	Have the student made sure that they are not presenting someone e	lse's work as their own?
Comments:		

#### MA Professional Design Practice Thesis Marking Scheme

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reflection 10	Key strengths and weaknesses of thesis/research process identified and critically discussed, including what happened that was different from the plan and assumptions that needed to be questioned. Clear and convincing summary of learning gained with particular emphasis on implications for future research practice.	identified, with good attempt to reflect on them and learning gained from the research. Implications for future research practice or learning needs	Some strengths and weaknesses of the project identified, but not completely convincing. Reasonable attempt to identify implications for future practice or learning needs.	Little evidence of learning and a limited attempt to identify implications for future practice or learning needs.	Demonstrates little or no ability to self-evaluate and identify future implications for learning or professional practice needs.	Mark
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	linked to results and to course perspectives. Discussion of what can be strongly concluded and	and linked to results. Réalistic proposals for action follow from conclusions based on new insights, generally informed by the forefront of a field of learning.	Attempts to draw conclusions from results are not entirely convincing. Recommendations are incomplete, but there is still a basic link to the conclusions and results and basic feasibility.	feasible.	recommendations.	Mark
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