Introduction

YOUR THESIS IN PICTURES

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND WORKLOAD

COURSE PHILOSOPHY
Your Thesis in Pictures I

1 year [1.6 years]

thesis topic selection → thesis proposal → thesis

2 years [4 years]

degree (MSc [PhD])

presentation(s)

publication(s)
Your Thesis in Pictures II

What You Can Do

What Hasn’t Been Done  What’s Worth Doing

You Should Be Here
Course Organization

690A  ● Giving Talks for Fun and Enlightenment
      ● Typesetting Documents: Fun with LaTeX and BibTeX
      ● Effective Literature Search
      ● Starting Research: An Overview

690B  ● Starting Research: Selecting a Thesis Topic
      ● Doing (and Surviving) Research
      ● Presenting Research I: The Joy of Peer Review
      ● Presenting Research II: Conference Submission, Attendance, and Beyond
## Evaluation Scheme

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Course Philosophy:
Paragons and Pragmatists

Mahatma Gandhi
(1869–1949)
What We Should Do

Niccolò Machiavelli
(1469–1527)
What We Actually Do
Course Philosophy:
The Importance of Story

“It doesn’t have to be revolutionary and it doesn’t have to be very difficult but it must tell a story.”
— Juris Hartmanis (1928–)