



Zagovor doktorske teme - Uvod

Thesis topic defense - Introduction

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Thesis topic defense

Thesis topic defense is composed of two parts:

- Presentation of your field of work and intended research for the PhD thesis (~45 minutes including discussion)
- Exam – qualifier (3 committee members + your supervisor, about 45 minutes)

Presentation

Presentation: 45 minutes = 35 minute talk + 10 minutes for discussion

35min/(2min per slide) ~ 17 slides

Submission of the slides: 2 weeks before the presentation – I will then distribute slides to the committee members. I might give you same advice how to improve...

Your supervisor has to be present at the defence – check his timetable well in advance!

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- Some of thesis topic defense seminars have been quite technical, without enough introduction to the research area. Please take into account that most people in the room know very little about the topic you are working on.
 - Students are expected to ask questions! It is an important part of PhD education to get trained to participate in scientific discussions, and such a seminar is a perfect opportunity. If you did not understand much of the seminar, do not hesitate to ask the question as well! After all, this will be a clear signal to the presenter that he failed to make a proper introduction.

Some details

Abbreviations: your seminar is meant for a general physics audience → avoid too many abbreviations.

If you use an abbreviation: do it only after you have introduced it...

Thesis topic defense time slots:

-Tuesday afternoon 16.15 (default) – 1-2 slots

-Thursday afternoon at 16.15 (only backup – do not sign up there!)

How do we proceed

Sign up for a free defense time slot - check with your supervisor! The google doc link can be accessed from the web page:

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/sempod/thesis-topic-defense.html>

Most of you will want to present in spring – you need some time to get acquainted with the field of research. If you want to present earlier, this is fine as well.

Send me as soon as possible an email with

- A rough title of your Thesis
- Supervisor name
- Confirmation that your supervisor can indeed attend the defense in the time slot you were given

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In case you have not received the invitation to this lecture by email, contact as soon as possible the student's office.

Presence at the defense seminars

Your presence at the seminars:

- Presentation of the topic by one of your colleagues:
presence required
- Exam – qualifier (right after each presentation): you are invited, but your presence is **not required**

Thesis proposal write-up: 2nd year

Length: ~5 pages.

Should contain the proposal of what you will really do for your PhD.

You are required to submit it to the students office **well before the end of your second year** of studies (prefererably in early spring).