

Presentation 15-20 minutes: make sure that all key issues (research questions, theoretical framework, key concepts and their definitions, aims of the study, and planned research methodology) are included in your presentation.

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#### TASKS OF AN OPPONENT (10 min):

Some guidelines:

- Focus in your feedback on the content of the work.
- In those occasions where the research proposal is at very early phase, it is highly important that you will focus in your review on research design: i.e. on framework, research questions, methodological choices.
- Pay extra attention that title, aim of the study, research questions are inline, and that sub-questions truly support in finding answer to the main research problem.
- You should be able to provide concrete ways how the person can improve his/her work.
- A good reviewer offers concrete
  - tips, provides additional relevant readings, - even if the topic would be new to reviewer.
- Revisions related to technical issues, like spelling mistakes etc. can be marked to the printed document and handed afterwards to the presenter.

#### **When reviewing pay attention to:**

- Are aims clearly defined, are they realistic, can we identify who will benefit from the research
- Is research's main problem explicitly defined? Does author present sub-research questions, how well sub questions actually support the main research problem/questions, are they real research problems or are they more like questions that the author needs to clarify to him-/herself during the research process, how well do research questions arise from academic literature (or are they more consulting ones without theory base)
- How well research problem corresponds with the proposed title of the thesis?
- How well is the chosen research methodology reasoned?
- How well results are presented and do they correspond to the study questions.
- Does the content of the work correspond with the research aims, was the author successful in solving his/her research questions with the presented research design?
- How well discussion manage to sum up study findings and argue and discuss about the meaning of the findings.

#### **Technical comments, balance and structure, logic**

- Are references used appropriately? Can you recommend some other references to be used?
- Finishing, reporting style, readability