Master’s Thesis Process
Spring 2017

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The new process in short

• Spring 2017 is a pilot
• One entry point
• The registration will be open twice a year, once for each of the spring and fall semesters – not over summer
• Additional student support: method lectures, mandatory peer review and opposition – practicalities will be solved for students abroad
• Master’s thesis conference
Supervisors/examiners

- For the pilot it is possible to use "other information" in the registration form for information that may be interesting for us to find you the most suitable supervisor.
- If you register before Dec 5 you will receive information about your supervisor at the latest Dec 19.
- If you register before Jan 9 you will receive information about your supervisor at the latest Jan 18.
Thesis process during the spring

1. Define topic, registration
2. Define problem, formulate goals, plan project
3. Redefine problems, achieve goals, report/write
4. Write, oppose, present

Regular process supported by method lectures, peer review sessions (mandatory) and opposition session (mandatory), master’s thesis conference (mandatory)
## Deadlines spring 2017

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Planning report

“The student/s shall produce a written planning report which is to state in detail the problem description/task. The planning report shall include background, preliminary aim, objectives, demarcations, method and timetable for production of the thesis. In the planning report, the student/s shall clarify the societal, ethical and ecological aspects that need to be taken into account in accordance with learning objectives 9 and 10. Reasons should be given if such aspects are not taken into consideration.”

Decide together with your supervisor when the planning report should be handed-in.
Method lectures 2017

• To support your work, method lectures are provided

• I: introduction and research question, linking theory and practice

• II: writing the master’s thesis
Peer Review

• To get feedback on the Master theses from peers that can support your work

• It is an excellent practice in giving and receiving constructive feedback that will help the authors to improve the final version

• To read the thesis draft critically and to engage in a constructive and helpful discussion of some of the main areas that may be improved with focus on the problem formulation, choice of literature and method
Students need an approval from the examiner that the work is ready for opposition.

Supervisor /examiner(s) and his /her students: 1 hour per group, 2-3 groups.

Start with a brief presentation (15 min) of your own work, then let the opponents give feedback.

One group gives its feedback to the other, then the group’s supervisor enters the discussion and give her/his own comments.
Oral presentation, June 1

• Master’s thesis presentations will be organized as a conference with parallel tracks

• Students, teachers, company representatives, family, friends etc are invited!

• More information will be provided in due time at pingpong
More information

- After registration and after the deadlines students will be linked to the ping pong side for the master’s thesis.
- All necessary information about the different activities will be provided via ping pong.