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

2 years [4 years]

- thesis

- 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

690A
- Assignments (2) 30%
- In-class Presentation 20%
- Tests (2) 50%

690B
- Assignments (2) 40%
- In-class Presentation 20%
- Course Project 40%

690A/B mark = (40% 690A) + (60% 690B)
Course Philosophy:
Paragons and Pragmatists

Mahatma Gandhi
(1869–1949)
What We Should Do

Niccholò 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
(1928–2022)