Introduction to UPF -DTIC Research Seminars

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What are the Research Seminars?

- Organized in weekly (usually Thursdays) seminars consisting of
  - Internal talks: given by department faculty/students
  - External talks: given by invited speakers
- Give the students an overview of the research that is done
  - Inside the department
  - Outside the department in related fields

Suggestions for speakers are more than welcome :)
It is also a course ...

- Worth 5 ECTS
  - for both Master's and PhD students

- Lasts an entire academic year
  - You will receive one grade for it at the end of the year

- Consists of about 30 talks
  - goal: about 15 internal and 15 external ones
  - You can suggest speakers if you know any!
    - specially if there haven't been talks in your area
How are Seminars announced?

- There will be...
  - Weekly announcements by e-mail
  - A full list of the current scheduled seminars is available at the seminars website
  - Seminars website:

  http://www.dtic.upf.edu/~afaridi/DTIC_Seminars/
Evaluation

- **Attendance requirement**
  - Attend at least **half** of the seminars
  - Submit **feedback** for the attended seminars (explained later)

- **Report**
  - Write a 4-page **report** on a seminar of your choice (alone or with 1 partner)
  - PhD students receive a pass/fail grade
  - Master's students will receive a 0-10 grade
Evaluation for Master's students

Write a 4 page report * on ONE talk of your choice

\[ G_R = \text{Report grade} \]

\[ N_S = \text{total #seminars} \]
\[ N_A = \text{total #attendances} \]
\[ N_F = \text{total #feedbacks} \]

\[ P = N_S - (N_A + N_F) \]

Final grade = \( G_R - 0.5P \)

* reports can be written in groups of 2.
Evaluation for PhD students

Attendance + feedback ≥ # talks

Y → Write a 4 page report * on ONE talk of your choice

Y → Report is acceptable & is received by end of June?

Y → Final grade = 10

N → Final grade = 0

N → Final grade = 0

* reports can be written in groups of 2.
Reports

- Which seminar to choose?
  - It is completely up to you
  - Please let me know of your decision within a week after the talk, and ask for material from the speaker asap.
  - You can change your mind later if necessary

- Reports
  - Have to be 4 pages long
    - If you want to use many figures use more pages
  - Can be written in groups of 2
  - Have to be written in a way that a person not present in the talk gets a good idea of the topic discussed
  - Are due end of June (early submissions are welcome!)
  - The report should be written in your own words. Reports containing copied phrases will not qualify for passing.
Attendance and Feedback

● Attendance:
  – Arriving to the class in the first 10 minutes of the seminar and staying until the end
  – Signing up the attendance sheet

● Feedback form:
  – Filling out the student feedback form within a week of the corresponding seminar.
    • Shouldn't take more than 5 minutes!
    • Available on moodle only until the following Thursday at 3:30pm. Don't miss the deadline!

● NOTE: Today's introduction doesn't count! ;}
Late submissions

- For both Master's and PhD reports

You may not pass the course if your report is received after the deadline!
Giving talks?

- PhD students attending the course may choose to give a talk as part of the seminars
  - They have to present it for a general audience
    - You can't just use a talk from a conference without modification because it will be too specific!
  - Only a limited number of students can do this
  - It has to be pre-approved by me!
  - The talk can serve as their report! (no need to submit a report if you give a talk)
Enjoy the seminars!!!