Introduction to
UPF -DTIC Research Seminars

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What are the Research Seminars?

- Weekly 1-hour seminars given by
  - Department faculty/students
  - Invited speakers from around the world

- Goal: give the students an overview of the research done
  - Inside the department
  - Outside the department in related fields
    - Invited by different research groups

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

- Worth 5 ECTS for Master's students
- A mandatory part of PhD student's curriculum
- Lasts an entire academic year
- Is evaluated at the end of the year
- Consists of about 30 talks
  - Usually more!
- Usually on Thursdays at 3:30
  - But occasionally on other weekdays
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*
    
    [http://www.dtic.upf.edu/~afaridi/DTIC_Seminars/](http://www.dtic.upf.edu/~afaridi/DTIC_Seminars/)
  
  - All seminars are also posted on a *Google calendar* which you can add to your calendar and set up reminders if needed.
Evaluation

- Attendance requirement
  - Attend at least 15 of the seminars
  - Submit feedback for the attended seminars (explained later)
    - This requirement has been removed for this year!
    - But anonymous feedbacks can be submitted here: http://goo.gl/forms/9QXKxdOLOK

- Report
  - Write a 4-page report on a seminar of your choice (alone or with 1 partner)
  - Deadline: around the end of June
  - 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

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

\[ N_A = \text{total #attendances} \]

\[ P = 15 - N_A \]

Final grade = \( G_R - P \)

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

\[ N_A \geq 15 \]

\[ N_A = \text{total \# attendances} \]

- Write a 4 page report * on ONE talk of your choice
- Report is acceptable & is received by deadline?

* reports can be written in groups of 2.
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:
  – Optional and anonymous
  – Does not affect your final grade!
Which seminar to choose?
- It is completely up to you!
- Ask for material from the speaker asap.
- Let me know of your decision.

Reports
- Have to be 4 pages long
- Can be written in groups of 2
- Should be written in a way that a person not present in the talk gets a good idea of the topic discussed
- Should be submitted before the deadline
- The report should be written in your own words.
Plagiarism

• the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.
  – This includes using other people's wording (even one sentence)
  – Quoting is allowed but not recommended.
  – When quoting (if absolutely necessary), make sure to use quotation marks “...” and cite the reference.

• For both Master's and PhD reports

  You will **not pass** the course if your report contains plagiarized (copied) text and you will not be given another chance to submit!
Giving talks instead of final report?

• 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 the coordinator!
  – No need to submit a report if you give a talk!!!
Enjoy the seminars!!!