

# The End Game

## GETTING THE DOCTORATE FINISHED

***For doctoral degree candidates and their supervisors***

**A half day workshop preceding the 2nd European Conference on Information Management and Evaluation (ECIME 2008)**

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Some doctoral degree candidates in business and management studies find it difficult to know when they have finished. There is a tendency to allow doctoral degrees to drag on and for degree candidates and their supervisors to be uncertain about when the work is good enough to submit. There is also debate about how the dissertation should be presented and what constitutes a contribution to the body of knowledge. In addition there can be a high degree of anxiety about the nature of the viva as well as how to cope with making the changes recommended in the examination report.

This half day workshop provides a detailed checklist so that degree candidates can check with themselves that they have done all the necessary work and are ready to submit for the examination. Topics to be covered include:

- The essential chapters - the layout of the dissertation
- What constitutes a contribution – presenting the findings
- What makes the dissertation scholarly – the rhetoric or argument
- A comprehensive and contemporary reference list
- Preparing for the viva
- Making changes – responding to the examination report

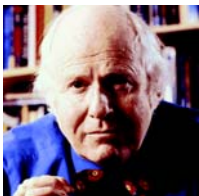
### **Who should attend?**

This workshop is aimed at doctoral degree candidates. Most value will probably be derived by candidates who are close to finishing. It will also be of interest to supervisors who are new to the processes involved in helping doctoral degree candidates complete their research.

### **How to Apply**

This workshop, which will run from 1430-1730 on Wednesday 10 September, is free of charge to anyone registered for the European Conference on Information management and Evaluation (see <http://academic-conferences.org/ecime/ecime2008/ecime08-home.htm> ) and to members of staff and students from Royal Holloway. The cost for anyone else wishing to attend this event is £100 plus VAT. To apply for a place please email Sue Nugus at [sue@academic-conferences.org](mailto:sue@academic-conferences.org)

### **Workshop Facilitator**



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