Knowing when your research is finished and how to draw it all together into a great dissertation is often regarded as a puzzle by many research students. This is especially true of doctoral degree candidates, but it also applies to those who are working towards a masters degree by research. There are a number of tests which can be applied that will give the student confidence the work is ready to be examined and that it will be looked upon favourably by the examiners. For this webinar these tests are fully discussed, and a number of checklists are available. The deliverable from this webinar will be that participants will have a much higher level of confidence that they know when they are in a position to finalise their work and handed in for examination.

In addition, this webinar will address how to prepare for a Viva Voce examination (defence in the USA), and will also provide checklists which will be helpful to students facing this challenge.

This Webinar is relevant to academics from most Social Science Faculties, and it will also have value to some other Departments and Schools.

**Webinar outline**

*The 5 key features of a successful research dissertation?*
- A clearly stated research question i.e. the centrality of the research question and the explanation of the importance of the question issue to the community
- Providing the evidence that the issue has not been solved elsewhere and that it is regarded as important in the literature
- Issues related to data, its identification, its collection, its management and its analysis
- The answering of the research question and its implications for theory and practice
- The conclusion, the limitations, the opportunity for future research

*The Centrality of the research story*
- The research degree is a voyage of discovery, and the story of this adventure has to be unfolded is a careful way.
- Making the case for your contribution.

*The Dissertation as a document*
- The usual organisation of the document/book
- How many chapters?
- What should be covered in each chapter?
- What about all the university conventions?

*The Viva Voce examination*
- The appointment of examiners
- It is the university's responsibility to appoint appropriate examiners
- Invite your supervisor/s
- Be well prepared
- Manage your anxiety
- Ask to present
- Defending your ideas
- Try to anticipate arguments which the examiners might present

*This webinar delivers practical useful information which can be put to immediate use. It is relevant to academics from most Faculties, Departments and Schools.*
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