Defense of thesis
Dissertation day

Where the PhD reaches the goal
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Practical arrangement

• Before
  – Opponents – choice of
  – Minimum 3 months work
  – Evaluation report

• One day; most common in 2016
  A) Trial lecture
  B) Dissertation
What happens?

• A videotaped dissertation at CIH as an example

  • Phyllis Awor
Thesis – dissertation

0. Preparations (mic, pc – also test beforehand)
1. Entering in special order
2. Listen to Dean reading texts
3. Presenting the total work (20 min)
4. 1th opponent
5. Sometimes a break
6. 2nd opponent
7. Opponent ex auditorie – very seldom
8. Reading by Dean – committee goes out for evaluation and signing – they come back and Dean announce: Pass or fail
9. Thanks from the candidate (short)
10. End
What happens during discussions?

Listen!

- How long does it take until the first question is asked?
- What is the first question?
- How much time is the opponent talking?
- How much time is the candidate talking?
- How many questions are asked?
- How are the questions answered?
  - I agree....
  - I disagree....
Observe!

- Is the opponent smiling?
- Is the candidate smiling? How long?
- Is the candidate nervous?
- Does the opponent drink water?
- Does the candidate drink water?
- Does the opponent use powerpoint? Blackboard?
- Does the candidate show answers on the screen?
- Are supervisors relaxed?
- Is the Dean sleeping?
How to survive a thesis defense


- [http://www.labspaces.net/blog/1390/Ten_tips_to_give_a_great_thesis](http://www.labspaces.net/blog/1390/Ten_tips_to_give_a_great_thesis)