

CM50175 – Research Project Preparation

Not Panicking

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Outline

- Stuff about projects.
- Stuff about seminar.

What is my project? My thesis?

- You've been assigned a **supervisor**.
- You should have or be negotiating a project **area**.
 - Your DoS didn't assign projects
- You need to pick and describe a **project**.
 - You may share an area, but you shouldn't share a project.
- You won't precisely know your **thesis** until you've done your project / research.

More panicking (stop that!)

- I can't possibly have a thesis, I'm only [...]
 - Read last week's slides, Olin Shiver's web page.
- My supervisor says I should only read three books, how can I have a lit. review?
 - Read the assessment document.
 - Your literature review will be evaluated by your supervisor. So who should you listen to?
 - You will be going into a lot of depth in describing and comparing a few texts.

For the Seminar

- Bring something key you are reading. (Probable source: supervisor)
- Be prepared to answer (or at least discuss) these questions:
 - What is your project **area**?
 - How does this reading relate to it?
 - What theses could this reading lead to in your project area?

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- Don't panic!