

# The Opposition

- Reading a report
  - At least **twice**
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  - Abstract
  - Introduction
    - **I will show X**
  - Conclusion
    - **X was shown to be**
  - The Rest !!!
- Aspects to think about
  - The **Red Thread**
  - Positive Criticism
  - **Opposition Report**
  - Presentation technique
    - Summary of work
    - Main points
  - Asking questions
  - Replying to questions

# The Opposition Report

- Title
  - was the title appropriate?
- Overall impression
  - good/neutral/bad?
- Main points
  - +ve (first) / -ve (second)
- The details
  - see below
- The Red Thread
  - easily found?
- Chapter by chapter comments

# Opposition Report: The Details

- Title
- Approach
- Arguments & conclusion
- Scientific method
- Report layout
  - **Chapters**
  - **Headings**
  - **Contents**
  - **References**
  - **Appendices**
- The **Red Thread**
  - **Clarity, relevance**
  - **Understandable**
- References & citations
  - **Sources**
- Abstract
- Keywords & terminology
- Use of language
  - **Spelling & grammar errors**
    - **In report (not presentation)**

# The Opposition Process

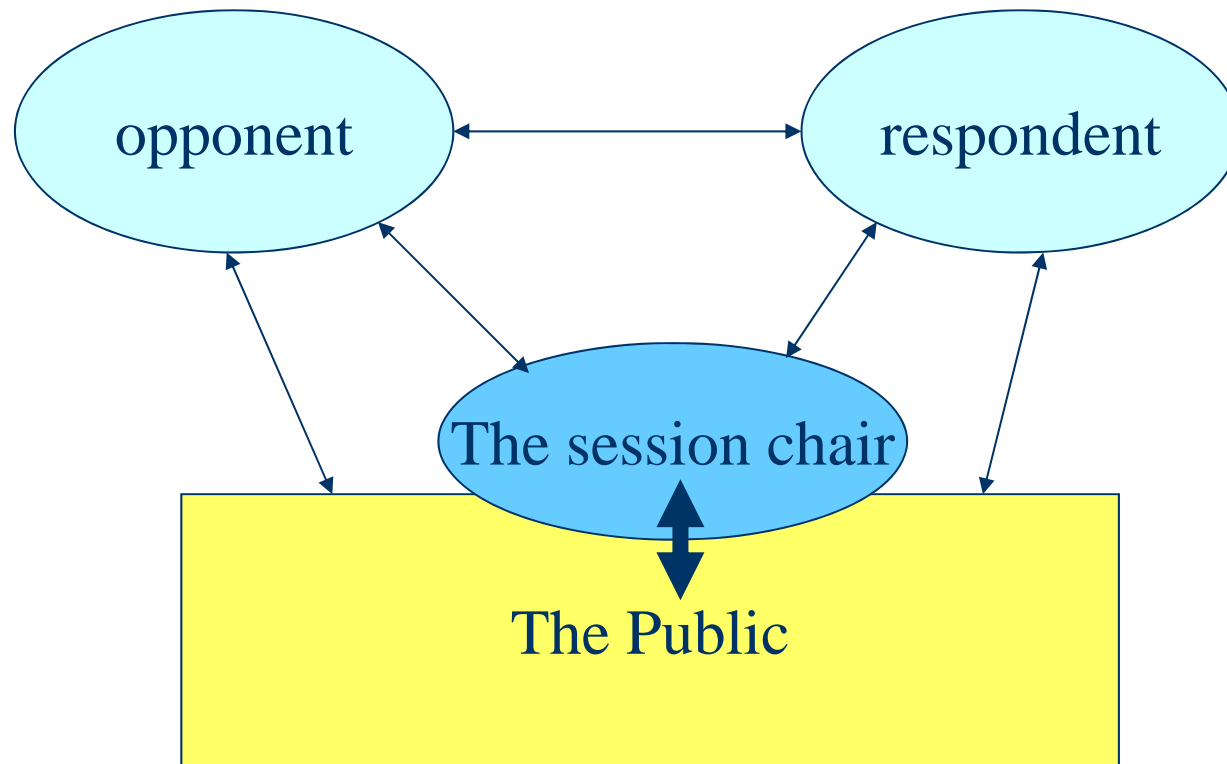
- **C dissertations**

- Respondent : 15 min. presentation
- Opponent: 15 min. comments / questions
- Public: 5 min. questions

- **D/E dissertations / CIT Exjobb**

- Respondent: 25 min. presentation
- Opponent: 25 min. comments / questions
- Public: 10 min. questions

# The Opposition Layout



# The Presentation

- **C – 15 minutes / D/E & CIT - 25 minutes**
  - This presentation (content & organisation)
  - Goal of the report (...was to show X)
  - Summary of the report (brief results & conclusions)
  - Main points (around 3 points)
  - Method and approach (techniques used)
  - Results and conclusions (more detailed)

# The Opposition (1)

- C dissertations
  - 15 min. presentation of the report (proponent)
    - The main points (e.g. 3)
    - The **Red Thread**
  - 15 min. comments & questions (opponent)
    - Comments – keep positive
    - Questions – on any relevant topic in the report

# The Opposition (2)

- D/E dissertations / CIT Exjobb
  - 25 min. presentation (proponent)
    - The main points (e.g. 3)
    - The **Red Thread**
  - 25 min. comments & questions (opponent)
    - Comments – keep positive
    - Questions – on any relevant topic in the report



# Questions from the Public

- C dissertations
  - 5 minutes
    - May include the session chair / examiner
- D/E dissertations / CIT Exjobb
  - 10 minutes
    - May include the session chair / examiner

# The Defence

- Read your report just before the opposition
- Answering questions
  - Be concise, direct and positive
  - If you do not know, say so!
- Do not
  - be defensive
  - avoid the question
  - take criticism personally

# The Outcome

- Possible corrections → **approved by supervisor**
- Deadline – **latest**: opposition + 1 week
- After the opposition
  - Make corrections – get approval by supervisor
  - Publish in It's Learning (docx & pdf)
    - Under corrected version (dissertations)
  - Publish in Diva
  - Fill in the Course evaluation

# Summary

- Read the report carefully (respondent / opponent)
- Opposition: C, D, E, CIT Project
  - Presentation (respondent)
  - Opposition (opponent)
  - Questions be prepared
- Afterwards
  - 1 printed versions + 1 CDs → coordinator