Effective Thesis Writing Workshop
(for Humanities and Related Disciplines)

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Effective Thesis Writing is a three-hour workshop to aid graduate students to write effective theses in the humanities and related disciplines. This workshop provides learning resources and methods to guide students through the process of writing academic proposals and theses. Students should register for this workshop at the beginning of their graduate study in order to familiarize and equip themselves with the necessary research and writing tools for their graduate work. Workshop topics range from organization of chapters and ideas, selection of convincing word choices in a rhetorical framework, skills of developing research ideas, to writing effective literature reviews, introductions and conclusions. It is important that students set aggressive goals and meet regularly with their academic advisors to ensure that they complete their thesis successfully.

Workshop schedule
Date: 26 February 2016 (Friday)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Venue: CRT 4.36, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus

Topics to be covered:

- Identifying sustainable and achievable topics and limiting scope of research
- Internal organization of chapters
- Literature reviews
- Building on ideas in the initial research stage
- Abstract writing (both theses and conference papers)
- Communicating research to non-specialists
- Establishing one’s writing style and authorial voice
- Writing powerful introductions and conclusions

Assessment

- Submit a writing sample for comments (it could be an introduction or a chapter of the thesis) by 4 March 2016.