

How to write an interesting thesis

A typical contents of a political master degree
Master thesis:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Literature Review
- Chapter 3: Methodology
- Chapter 4: Analysis (Case studies)
- Chapter 5: Conclusion

Which Chapter is most difficult to write?

In the case of Indonesian Linkage Program (and other government officers from other countries):

Chapter 2: Literature Review

Why?

- How to find literature to review
- How to use reviewed literatures

Common Mistakes in Literature Review

- Seek literatures directly relating to the topic
- Seek literatures only on Indonesian cases
- Seek literatures unfit for review

Common Mistakes in Literature Review (Continue)

- Seek literatures using too big words
- Make a list of literatures and definitions

How to avoid these mistakes?

1. Image what the last page of chapter 2 will be
2. Image a Story

Need Hypotheses?

- Yes: You can test the hypotheses you obtained from the reviews
- No: Not always testable hypotheses we can find and not always we have enough data to prove the hypotheses

Can we image counter- hypotheses?

If We Do not Test ... What We Can Do?

- If we cannot find a testable hypothesis
- If the number of cases are not enough
- If data is not enough

Describe the facts? But, ...

Examples of thesis titles

- Title 1
 - Community Perception on the Effectiveness of Participatory Slum Upgrading through How Housing in Surakarta, Central Java, Indonesia
 - The Effectiveness of the New Leadership Training and Work Environment Factors on Innovative Work Behavior of Local Government Officers in Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 - Collaborative Planning Framework in Tourism Villages: The Case of Nglanggeran, Bejiharjo and Pacarejo
 - Adaptive Governance Characteristics of Yogyakarta Special Region Proklam Villages
 - Factors Affecting Tourism Policy Implementation in Asymmetric Decentralization: Case Study of Yogyakarta Special Region

Examples (continue)

- Title 2
 - Actor and Network Effective Analysis on the Eradication of Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Policy Implementation in Indonesia
 - Sustainable Development in Batam