

Journey to Graduation

A process of becoming a scholar

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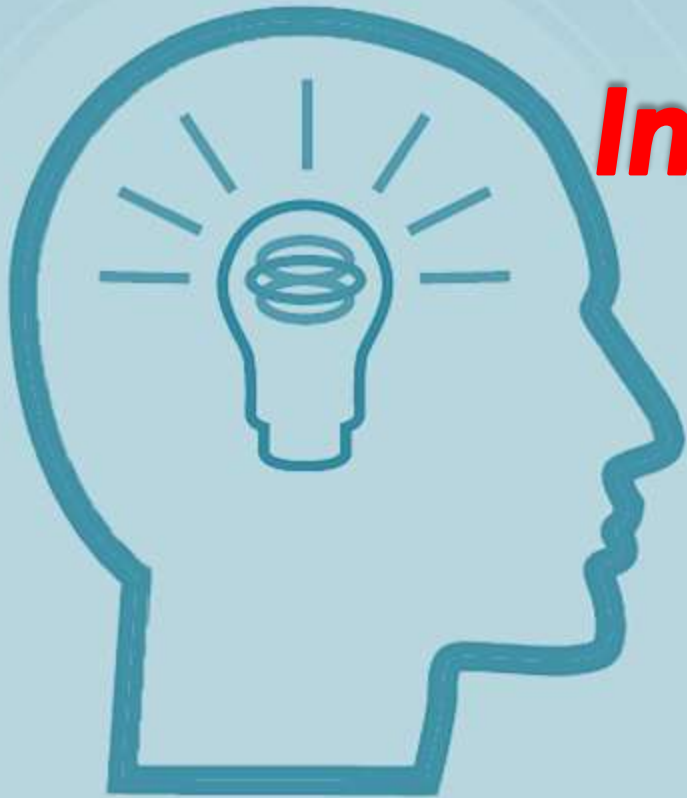


What is a Postgraduate Study?

- The journey is a process of analytical and critical thinking.
- It is a sacrifice against your norms or routines.
- PhD research is not a breakthrough.

Note:

1. To date there are 9364 PG students that their results were approved yesterday.
2. In 2014 , 1257 research grants were done by academicians in UTM which amounted to RM93,356,998.36. For Tenth Malaysia Plan, UTM received 4152 grants amounted to RM367,075,187.54



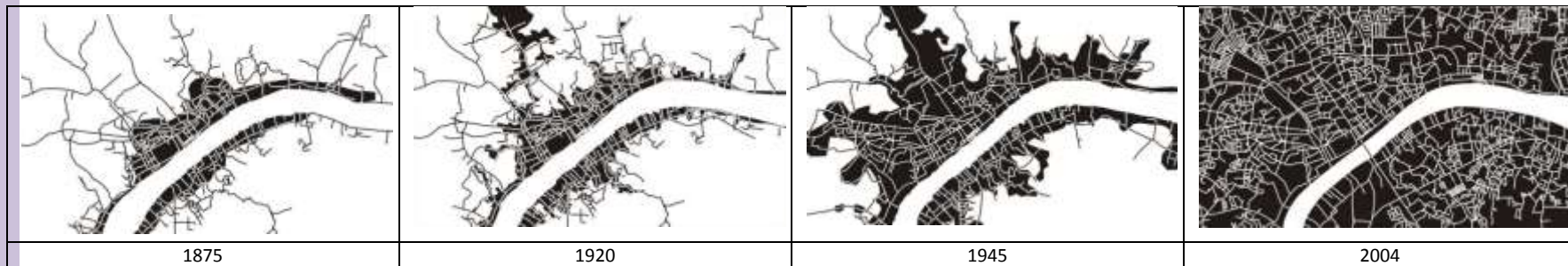
Online
Instructor Scaffolding
In Enhancing
Undergraduate
Students'
Critical Thinking

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Supervisors: Prof. Dr Baharuddin Aris
Prof. Dr Zaidatun Tasir

Faculty of Education
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Rebuilding identity of the historical area through the use of urban morphology



PhD Thesis Defense, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

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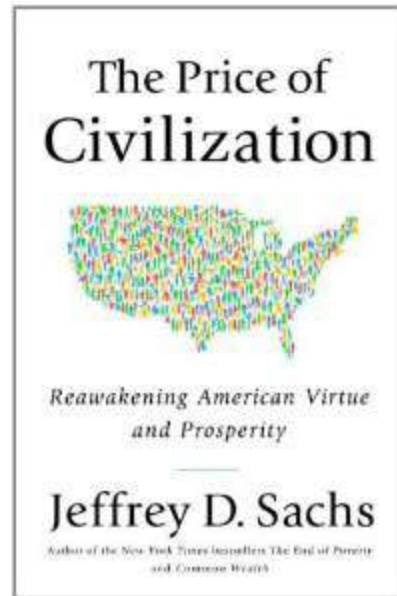
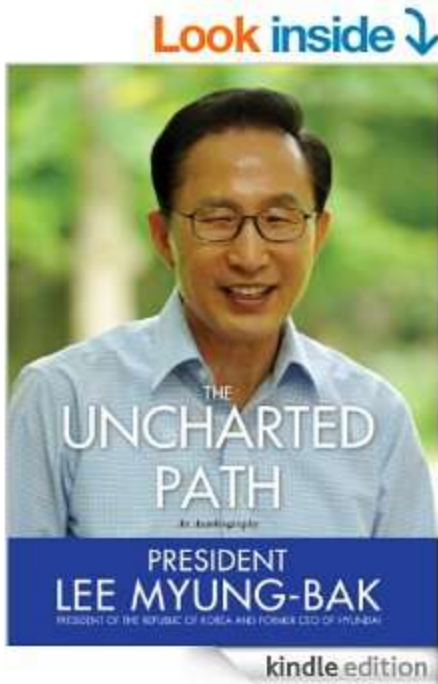
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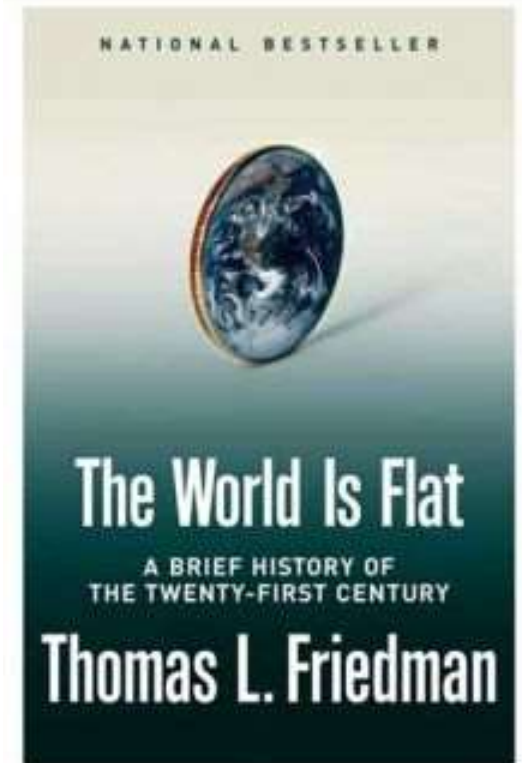
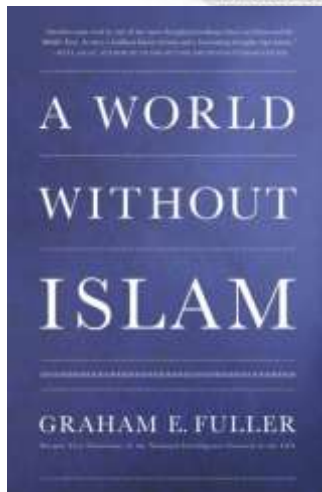
What is PhD Research?

- Doing PhD study is putting yourself into a world of investigating new ideas and knowledge of a subject. And, to attain the new knowledge, you always link your research field with others. (Theoretical framework)
- Doing a PhD research may not solving a dubious problem that is it is not a rocket science. It may investigate an obvious inquiry. (Quorum sensing, Higgs boson)

Read Novels



What is a life well lived?

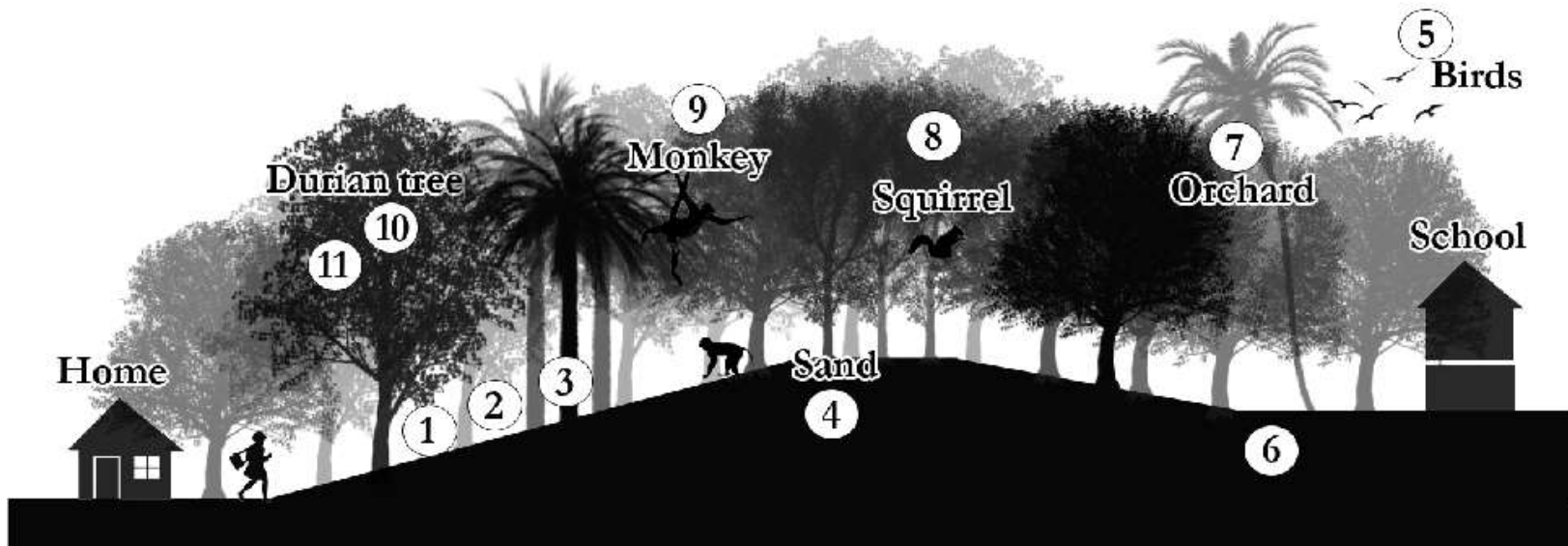


Qualities of PhD

- Academically rigorous
- A master piece
- Demonstration of essentials
- Read, read, read
- Write, write, write
- Share, share, share
- Listen to your supervisor
- Learn how to ask the right questions
- Keep an annotated bibliography

CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES

OF HOME-SCHOOL JOURNEY AS PLAY AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



The experiences include walking on shifting topography (uphill and downhill), feeling tired walking uphill, seeing the silhouetted figure of oil palm tree, walking on different texture of the road (sand and asphalt), feeling calm by the birdsong, hearing the noisy sound of a machine, seeing orchard, seeing squirrel, seeing and feeling afraid of monkeys, seeing dying durian tree and seeing flower dropping.



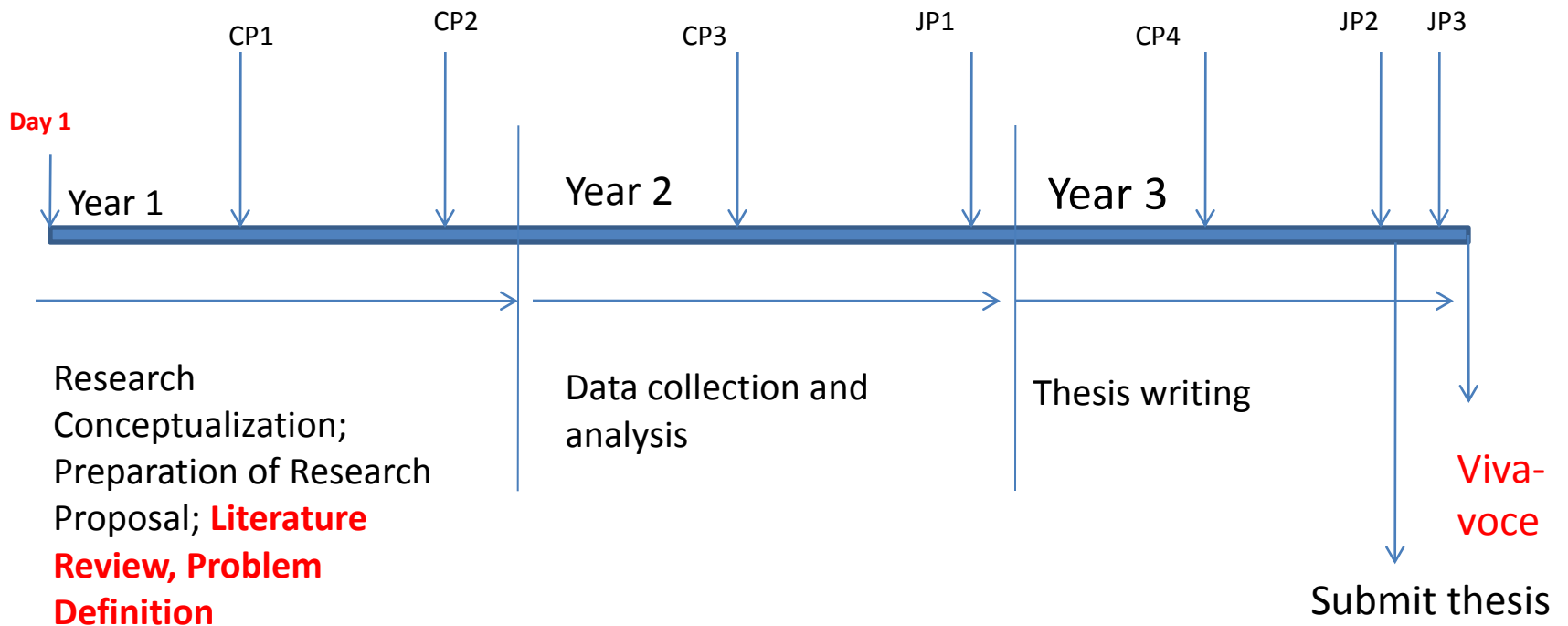
What are the criteria of PG candidate?

- Consistent
- Discipline
- Stay focus

Quotes

- In doing PhD, the difficulty is not how to begin but rather when to stop.
- You can only see the rainbow after the storm has passed.
- When it is dark enough you will see the stars.

The Journey



Complex to Simple

- Problem conceptualization, theoretical framework, research methodology should be complex.
- But, your conclusion should be simple to comprehend.

Commitment: reading log

Castonguay and Intras (2009)

evaluation
Children Appreciation of Outdoor Places in a poor neighborhood

Place: Like
: dislike
: favorite
: secret

- AIM**
- ① investigate how children perceive outdoor environment + their perception
 - ② investigate children's like, favourite, dislike outdoor place

- METHOD**
- ① individual interviews
 - ② questionnaire
 - ③ photograph (disposable camera)
 - ④ Journal
- participants: - 7-12 years old (13 boys, 15 girls)
location: Centre Sud
- analyze using classical content analysis **Nvivo**
• chi-square analysis

PLACE CHILDREN LIKE

- ① IN 1990's AND BEFORE - most review on children valued natural setting
- ② LAST DECADE - preference for natural places in middle-childhood
- ③ RECENT STUDY - natural setting still most valued by children
 - formal play + sport setting are most preferred
 - space around home - children like place

has declined
Keller et (2002)
• utilitarian
• scientific

PARA - value of place that allow them to engage in activities - relate to play → is a social phenomenon

- opportunity to meet friends
- closeness to home

↳ **emotive** **social**

FINDINGS + DISCUSSION

① FAVOURITE PLACE

- attribute many characteristics reported doing many activities in their favorite place and less to other liked place
- cannot be distinguish from liked place but can distinguish
 - the greater no. of positive characteristic attribute to them
 - the greater no. of activities engaged in by children
- space near an acquaintance's home
 - ↳ closeness + familiarity
 - ↳ safe + comfort

PLACE CHILDREN DISLIKE

- street and alley (unsaved)
- parks (at night)
- negative place features

POOR NEIGHBORHOOD

Setting / context

- more crime, poor service
- more hazardous play space
- fewer natural element
- less likely to participate in organize activities
 - ↳ lower income
 - ↳ transportation
- prefer spend time outdoor
- perceive many problem (graffiti, litter)

② PLACE CHILDREN LIKE

- based on opportunity provided
- middle-childhood - formal play and sport setting
- park and playground - vegetation + play equipment
- streets and alley
 - ↳ close to home
 - ↳ like riding bicycle over the speed bumps in the alley

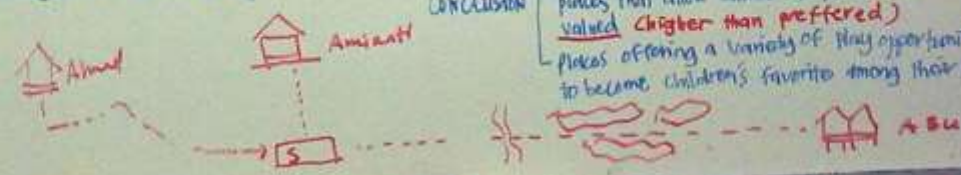
③ VARIATION IN CHILDREN'S PERCEPTION - Age variation

- younger children - near acquaintance's home
- older children - park and playground

range of play

CONCLUSION

- places that allow children to pursue multiple activities are more valued **(higher than preferred)**
- places offering a variety of play opportunities are more likely to become children's favorite among their liked places



Nuances

- Supervisor scheduled you or you scheduled him/her.
- Reward yourself once you attain a milestone.
(casio digital watch; Tutti Fruti)
- Present your work often to others even though they may not lend their ears to you.
(Seminar, conference, workshop)
- Attending viva is nerve racking.

What should I do and submit?

- For full time student, the duration is 6 to 7 semesters.
- Attend 2 subjects: Research Methodology and a university subject
- Submit your thesis
- Attend the examination, viva-voce
- Do the correction as required during the viva-voce
- Submit the corrected thesis
- Approval by university's senate
- Wahlah! You got a Doctorate of Philosophy

Questions and Answers

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