

## WTMC SPRING DISSERTATION DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

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What previous participants have said about WTMC Dissertation Days:

*'I liked best the quality and usefulness of the feedback given/received'*

*'the senior commentators gave very good comments that were useful for all of us and not just the one person whose chapter was being discussed'*

*'Perfect. Good atmosphere, high quality cuisine...'*

*'Excellent format. Great reviewers, very useful day, Thanks!'*

On 13 April 2010, WTMC will organize a **D-day (Dissertation Day)** for those WTMC members who **are in the final phase of their PhD** (in other words, who have completed all of the workshops and summer schools and are in their last two years). This is your chance, not only to receive comprehensive comments on your own work, but also to read work by your fellow PhD students. By carefully reading the work of others in order to give feedback you can learn a lot about writing. We also discuss more general issues around finishing dissertations, and what to do with them once they are done.

For those of you who have never attended a Dissertation Day, this is what happens: each participant sends in a chapter or article from his/her PhD manuscript. It must be work-in-progress (i.e. not already published). **These must be sent to Marjatta ([u.m.kemppainen@utwente.nl](mailto:u.m.kemppainen@utwente.nl)) by 1 March 2010.** She will then copy and collate all of the chapters/articles and send them to participants prior to the meeting so that everyone has time to read all of the chapters.

During the meeting, each participant very briefly introduces her/his work. Two discussants then provide comments – a fellow participant and a senior scholar. The senior scholar this year will be Jessica Mesman, possibly joined by a second commentator if there are many participants. The author has an opportunity to respond to these comments before the discussion is opened to everyone. Each paper is discussed for a total of 45-55 minutes. The day will be chaired by Sally Wyatt.

Depending on the number of participants, the Dissertation Day will last from 10 until 6, and will be followed by dinner (paid for by WTMC). Dinner is usually finished by 8.30 pm.

**To reserve your place**, please complete the attached registration form and mail it to Marjatta Kemppainen: [u.m.kemppainen@utwente.nl](mailto:u.m.kemppainen@utwente.nl) **by 10 January 2010.**