



## THE THESIS PROCESS

- Initial tips:
  - Go for a topic you're interested in
  - Do not underestimate the time needed (timeline)
  - Start now!
  - Do not overestimate your capacities
  - Try, try, try



## THE SUPERVISOR

- Ask and talk to professors
- Take two hours to reflect on the courses you have had, and find out THE ONE for which you would make a thesis
- Not only the topic but also the human dimension
- Have a backup, researchers are busy!

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## APPROACHING THE SUPERVISOR

- Express your interest and propose something
- You need to talk, why are you interested in the topic? What do you imagine yourself doing?
- Be available / propose discussion spaces (BUT NOT TOO MUCH)
- Autonomy
- We're learning but it's OUR thesis
- Do not wait until the last minute!!!

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## **COPING WITH A THESIS (AND AN INTERNSHIP)**

- Be honest with your company
- Unless it's directly related to your thesis, try to work the least
- Take the time to actually work on your thesis

# RESEARCH + DESIGN + WRITING

- Read a lot
- And read a little bit more
- Question everything you're reading
  - (don't take anything for granted)
- Depending on your thesis, try to select a place you know well (e.g. for the case study)
- Alternative: make sure you have interest and time to get to know/understand the place
- You might have an idea of what you want to do = methodologies are countless
- Justify everything
- Do everything in your hands to collect good and relevant information
- Double check with your advisor before using the data collection instruments (there's no way back)
- If you read a lot you will end up writing alike
- Write – the best way to think and structure your thoughts
- And read again (but this time your own production)
  - Keep the balance between being humble and confident



# INTERACTING WITH THE SUPERVISOR

- Be present and responsive!
- Do the things you promised you would
- Keep the deadlines
- Be aware of their time (so they can provide good quality feedback)
- Don't take feedback personally (we're learning)
- Remember the advisor is there to support but
- The thesis is yours!
- Agree on steps forward
- Don't let everything to the last minute

**ENJOY THE PROCESS**