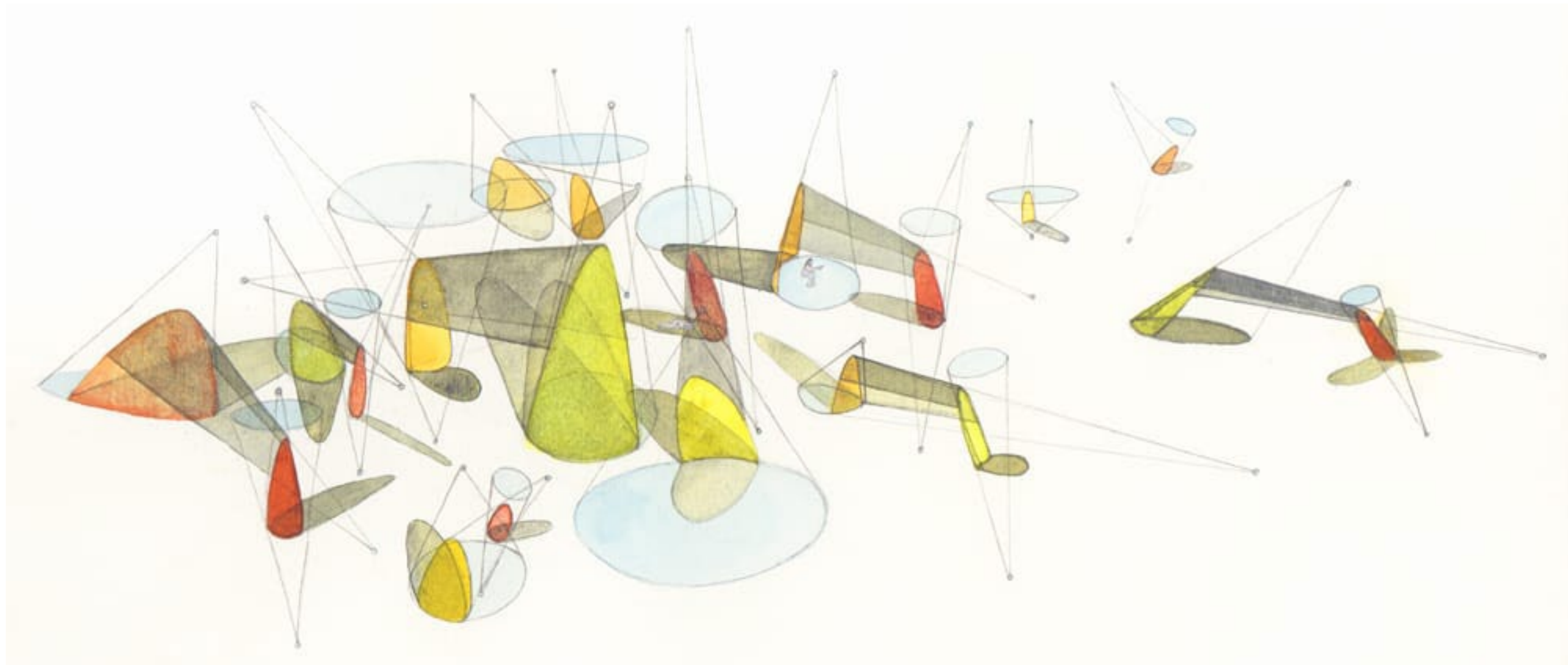


ARK-E5512

Pre-Thesis Seminar

Fall 2021

The Thesis Report



Kyna Leski: Seed-pod of a Dream House, 2000.

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Co-creation of Virtual Experiences: How Virtual Reality Can Facilitate Workplace Transformation

Interior architecture, Kalatian Soroush, 2019.

A Shelf Made of Ceramic: Material exploration of using ceramic in furniture design

Interior architecture, Jie Luo, 2019.

Durable residential block. Design project in Alppila that aims for longevity

Architecture, Liisa Heinonen, 2019.

Design of Freeform Membrane - Tensegrity Structure

Architecture, Feng Ye, 2019

Steps for Espoo – Towards more walkable and better functioning city centers by means of landscape architecture

Landscape architecture, Elina Renkonen, 2019

Garden behind the wall - Restoration plan for Cherry Garden in Suomenlinna

Landscape architecture, Milja Halmkrona, 2019.

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Urban Food Production for Socio-Technical Transformations

The Helsinki Metropolitan Region Urban Food Production Niche and its potential for transitions towards more sustainable food production systems

Andrea Gilly Márquez, Creative Sustainability, 2019.

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A1. Assignment 1. Nature of your Thesis and Preliminary Abstract.

to think about a suitable title + subtitle for your thesis -
look to other theses for examples of descriptive titles.

Abstract

What is an abstract?

From the Master's Thesis Guide of the Aalto Universitys School of Arts, Design and Architecture:

The thesis includes an abstract describing the contents of the work. The purpose of the abstract is to summarise the key contents of the thesis in a manner that allows a non-specialist reader to understand the main points. The abstract is written in the present tense and includes the key contents of the thesis. The abstract also includes the details of the thesis such as school, department, programme and major for which the thesis has been written, thesis supervisor and thesis advisor(s). The abstract has no subheadings. The abstract is written in standard language without abbreviations, but special terminology of the field of study is allowed. The abstract may be written on a template; if the template is not used, the abstract may be max. one A4 page long and it has to contain the same information as provided on the template. The abstract is appended to the thesis.

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The abstract is written in two languages: in the language in which the student has been educated (Finnish or Swedish) and in English. Students who write their theses in English and have been educated in another language than Finnish or Swedish, write the abstract only in English.

The abstract serves also as the maturity essay for the master's degree. Writing the abstract (the maturity essay) in the language in which one has been educated (Finnish or Swedish) is part of demonstrating the requisite language proficiency for the degree. For students educated in Finnish or Swedish, the version written in the language the student has been educated serves as the maturity essay and both its contents and language are checked. The abstracts of students educated in a language other than Finnish or Swedish are only submitted for a content check. Students who have already demonstrated requisite proficiency in the language in which they have been educated (Finnish or Swedish) and written a maturity essay in that language for the bachelor's degree do not have to demonstrate their language proficiency again for the master's degree. In such cases, only the contents of the maturity essay are checked.

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Students educated in other languages than Finnish or Swedish wishing to get feedback or language advice on the abstract may have their abstracts checked by an English teacher at the Aalto University Language Centre.

The contents of the maturity essay are checked by the supervisor of the thesis or, in the supervisor's absence or indisposition, the director of the master's programme or a teacher of the department assigned by the director. The language of the abstract is checked by the Language Centre. The abstract (maturity essay) is evaluated on a scale of Pass/Fail. If the thesis is failed, the abstract is also failed.

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Before starting to write your thesis, read the [Master's Thesis guide](#) for students and familiarize yourself with copyright issues.

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1.Thesis topic

The thesis is completed on one of the following topics:

1. **Building Design** (Professorships: Housing Design, Building Design, Emergent Design Methodologies, Building Technology, Wood Constructions, Design of Structures, Health and Wellbeing Architecture)

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ARTS – Guidelines for Writing an Abstract

I. Background

Generally, the maturity test is performed at the bachelor's degree stage. When it is approved in connection with a bachelor-level degree, it is no longer necessary to carry it out at the master's level. The maturity test has two functions: a student expresses the command of having learned the content information, and his/her ability to express it in written form. In the maturity test, the student demonstrates that s/he has actually made his/her final project (either a bachelor's or master's degree thesis), and that s/he has reached an appropriate level of written expression in his/her professional area. The maturity test language skills for Finnish and Swedish are reviewed by the Aalto University Language Centre, but not for English (as is not one of the national languages).

II. General guidelines

These guidelines are intended for ARTS students who need to write an abstract in English for either a bachelor's or master's thesis.

What is an abstract?

- A concise and clear summary of ...
 - What your research set out to do and why*
 - How you did it*
 - What you found (implications/recommendations)*
- ... that is capable of standing alone, independent of the thesis.

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A2. Assignment 2. The Context of your Thesis.

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A3. Assignment 3. Questions and Answers.

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Readings 2.

Booth et al.: The Craft of Research, 2nd ed., the University of Chicago Press 1995, 40-71.

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Readings 3. Optional readings, according to thesis topic & methods

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Intro on methods, and Design Research

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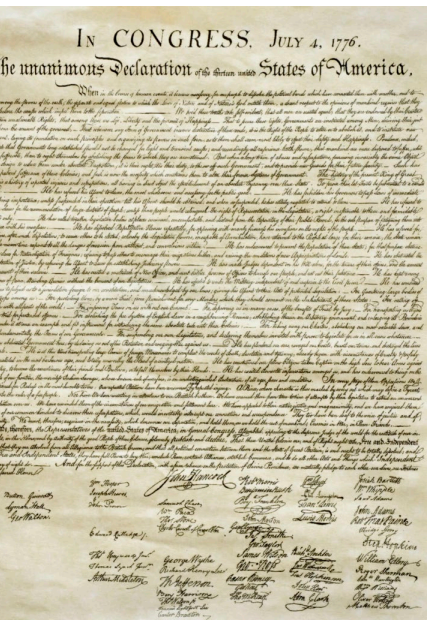
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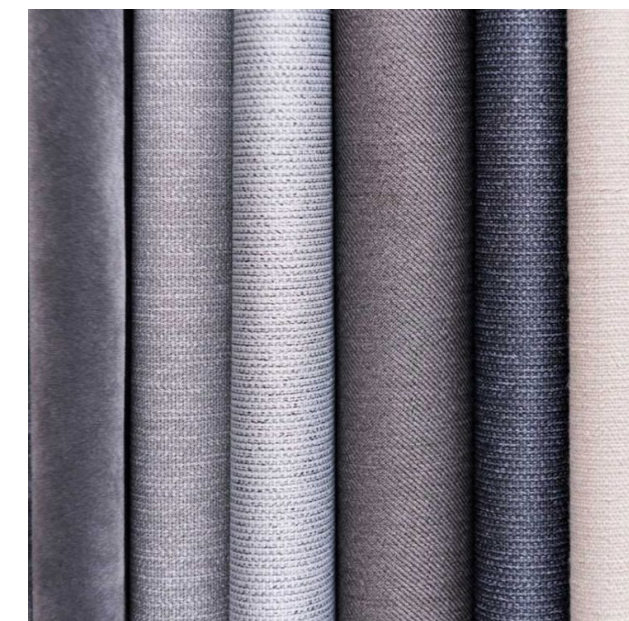
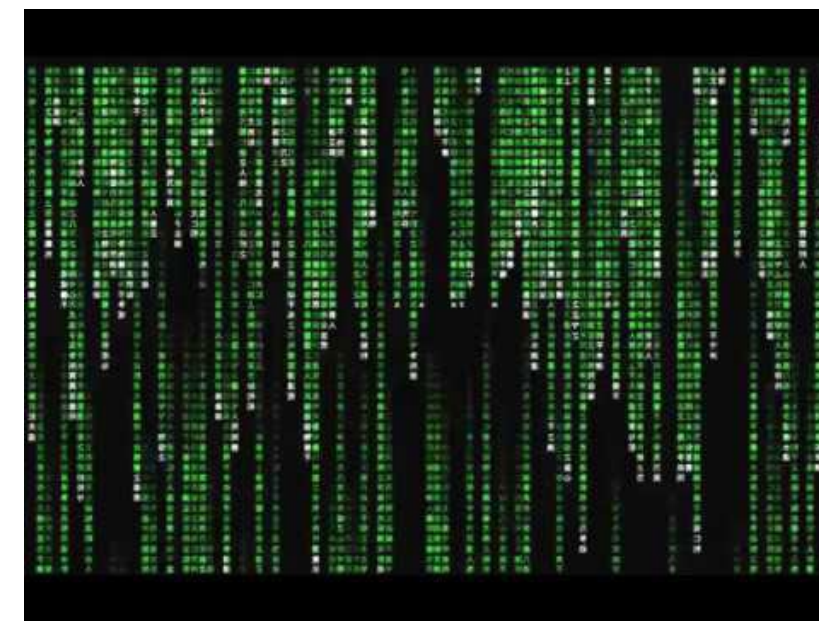
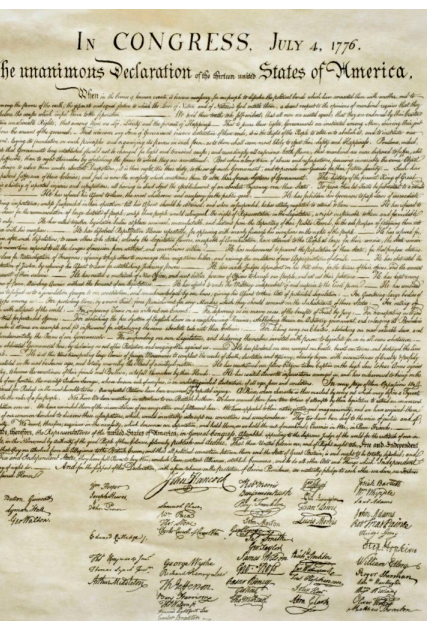
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Writing is a craft and the sooner you start to work with text, expressing your ideas in words, the better you will be able to use text as a tool to achieve your goals. The introduction will change, but as an exercise it will be valuable even if nothing of the first draft is left in the final work.

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Something always happens - do not plan too tight a schedule for yourself.

What happens in the final session on the 17th?

We'll discuss your experiences and questions concerning your Thesis plans and plans for the coming semester & conclude the course.

We will give you written feedback on the whole report before the New Year.

Current Thesis Evaluations

Master's Thesis presentations in Architecture 13.12. - 14.12.2021

Master's Thesis presentations in Landscape architecture 7.12.2021 No works, next session 15.2.2022

Master's Thesis presentations in Interior architecture 9.12.2021

Weekend!