

## **Assignment: Seminar Presentation of a paper with Questions**

One student group presents one paper each, and prepares questions to another paper during the course. The main objective with this assignment is that the students shall acquire a capability to critically analyze advanced texts about qualitative research in Information Systems and acquire the understanding of these texts, and then communicate it in a clear and understandable manner to the fellow students. Each paper will be given app. 20 minutes for presentation and questions.

### **Presenting a paper**

The student group is allocated a paper which the group is required to read carefully, analyze, select relevant parts, formulate a presentation, and then deliver an oral presentation (with or without PowerPoint support). During the seminar, the group will have 10-12 minutes for their presentation while the rest is for questions from another group and discussions in class.

You might find the following elements useful for your presentation of the paper:

#### 1. Paper presentation:

The students present the paper, where they clearly state:

- a. The WHAT:  
What is the key question(s) that the author(s) address in their text?
- b. The WHY:  
How do they motivate (i.e. justify) the importance of the question(s)?
- c. The HOW:  
How do they go about to produce their argument(s) to the question(s) addressed?
- d. MESSAGE:  
What is the answer to the questions stated, or what is the key message of the paper (or chapter) that the author(s) try to send to the readers?
- e. BENEFIT:  
What are the potentially positive benefits, that the authors state themselves, of the key message of the text?

#### 2. Critical assessment

- a. What are the strengths and the limitations of the paper that you would like to bring forward?  
(i.e. what do you think is clear and unclear with the papers' content)

### **Formulating questions**

To formulate questions to the paper you are required to read the paper carefully and find questions that are suited to stimulate a discussion. You can use the above list as a basis for formulating questions. The questions and discussion session will take 8-10 minutes.