



Rowena Murray's Online Thesis 'Endgame' Course April 19 & 26 and May 3 & 10, 2023 – 9.30am-12.30 UK time

The rationale for this course is that the last phase of the PhD can bring on changes: change in audience, as examiners come into focus, with attention to doctoral criteria more to the fore; change in supervisors' roles, as they seek to help you finish, perhaps being more directive than they were before; and change in student identity/voice, as you adjust to these changes and shift to a completion mindset. These changes are the focus of writing activities in this course to help you finish your thesis. They can help with constructing the whole thesis argument and its contribution to knowledge. You can also get a clear picture of new or incomplete chapters and for revising the whole thesis. The number of participants in this course is limited, so we'll be able to get to know each other and our work.

Each week you do a different writing task, each building on the one(s) before:

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| Week 1 | 750-word thesis summary |
| Week 2 | 300-word thesis abstract |
| Week 3 | Introductory paragraphs for all chapters |
| Week 4 | Conclusion chapter. |

Our first meeting starts with your introductions: your PhD topic and thesis submission date. Thereafter, this is the framework for all four sessions:

9.15 Zoom login

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| 9.30-10.00 | My introduction to the writing task |
| 10.00-10.59 | Your writing time |
| 10.59 | Email your writing to me at r.e.g.murray@btinternet.com |
| 11.00-11.15 | Mini-break |
| 11.15-12.00 | Join breakout room: email your writing to your group or use Zoom 'share', read, discuss and listen to each other's feedback. |
| 12.00-12.30 | I give feedback to the group. |

After each meeting, I offer to provide individual feedback by an agreed deadline.

For you to do before the course:

1. So that you can all quickly email your writings to each other during these sessions, please confirm your preferred email for this purpose. More importantly, please confirm in writing your permission to share your email address with participants in this course only. If this is not acceptable, you can use Zoom screen share.
 2. Previous participants said it would have been useful to know about each other's research in advance – so, for this purpose, please send me 100 words about your research. I will collate all these writings and send to participants in this course only.
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