Tweet Your Thesis!

Know Social Media and Graduate Research Services
Thesis Twitter Conference

On 23rd August, 9am to 5pm, the University of Otago will run Tweet Your Thesis! You can catch the action [here](#).

Know Social Media and Graduate Research Services are delighted to sponsor and coordinate the second University of Otago Thesis Twitter Conference. The #OUTweCon (Otago University Tweet Conference) format is perfect for explaining all or part of a thesis in a succinct, clear, and engaging manner. It is an opportunity to share your research with other thesis candidates; to give and receive feedback in your research community- and all without having to see anyone!

The first University of Otago Twitter Conference #OUTweCon was run last year on a particularly snowy day in Dunedin. We had participants from across the globe and the conference was interesting, challenging, and a lot of fun. Check out the old media coverage [here](#).

The Rules

1. You must be a University of Otago Thesis Candidate.
2. Make sure to register your paper. You can do that here.
3. Tweet your thesis in no more than 6 tweets.
4. Each tweet should be numbered.
5. Each tweet should end with #OUTweCon
6. The first tweet should be the (working) title of your thesis.
7. The final tweet should be your conclusion (to date).
8. You can tweet a section of your thesis or the whole project, but aim to tell a coherent (albeit brief) story about your research.
9. You can include links to images, video, or bibliographical material.
10. You cannot use a link to sneak in extra characters or to link to a longer explanation of your research.
#OUTweCon Tips

Presenters will be allocated a time to present their tweets and then there will be time for questions – just like a real conference.

To make sure the tweets in your paper arrive in the correct order, it is best to write them earlier and to save them as drafts or cut and paste them in fairly quick succession.

To follow the papers: search on the hashtag #OUTweCon or follow @OtagoGRS and the people on the #OUTweCon List.

Discussion of the papers is encouraged. All questions should include the hashtag #OUTweCon.

An Example
This mock #OuTweCon paper is from my master’s thesis. The brevity removes the subtlety of the thesis (this is to be expected!), but it pretty much represents the gist of my case.

1. Pregnancy Misconceived? The Ethics of Commercial Surrogacy. #OUTweCon

2. Is commercial surrogacy (paying women to gestate a baby) unethical? Exploitation of women and harm to children are often cited. #OUTweCon

3. Feminist notions of exploitation posit women as victims. The supposed harm fails to account for women's autonomous choices. #OUTweCon

4. Marxist notions of exploitation construct women as economic pawns. Crude economic determinism also ignores women’s free choice. #OUTweCon

5. Harm to children is real but preventable. It needs to be weighed against the benefits of a life one would have no other way. #OUTweCon

6. Harm in commercial surrogacy occurs. But so too does great benefit. Regulation is key. On balance, this practice is ethical. #OUTweCon

The Prizes! The Prizes!
For the presenter of the crowd favourite, Graduate Research Services is delighted to give $250 book vouchers. Crowd favourite will be decided by a Twittpoll which will be opened after the 5pm conference closing. Details about the voting procedure and a link to the twitpoll will be advertised on the day.

Know Social Media will give a $50 iTunes voucher for the most interesting use of social media.

Conference Proceedings
Know Social Media will archive the conference so that people will be able to refer back to the proceedings.

Registration
You can register online for the #OUTweCon. Registrations will close 20th August at 5pm. If you are new to Twitter and needs some tips or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: claire.gallop@otago.ac.nz. And don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: @OtagoGRS