



How to write the integrative/summary chapter for PhD-by-publications?

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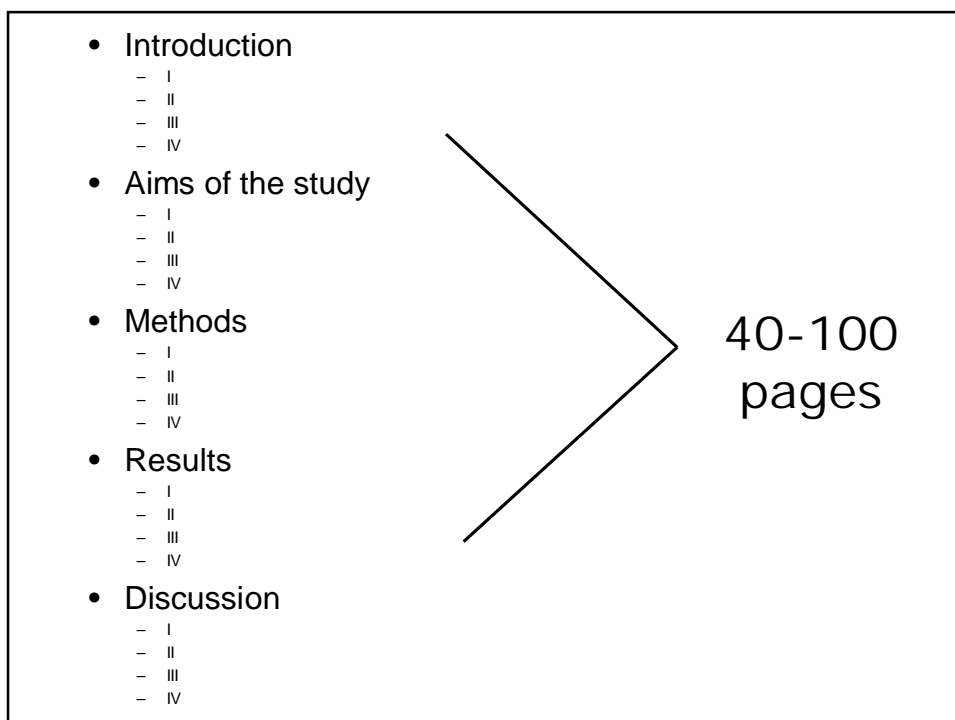
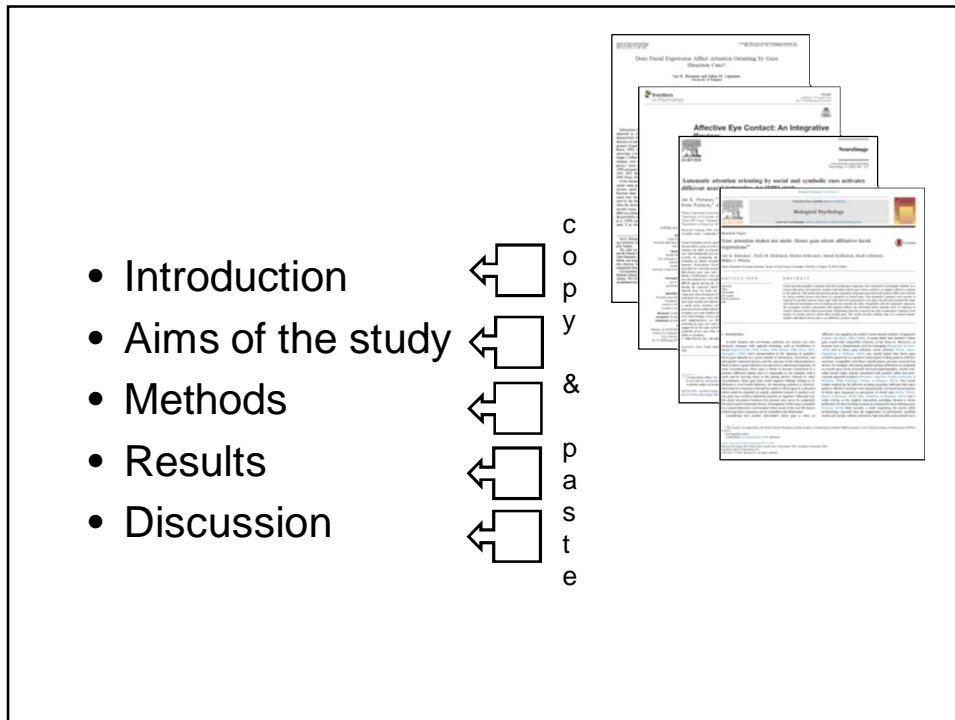
Summary chapter's functions

- background for the studies
- used methods
- observed results
- discussion; integration and synthesis; criticism and limitations; future directions.

How to organize the summary?

- Introduction
- Aims of the study
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion

How to get started?



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Leadership and employee well-being : A psychological perspective based on resource theories
Perko, Kaisa (2017)

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Emotion-Attention Interactions in Infants Face Processing
Peltola, Mikko (2011)

What is it that the readers
(pre-examiners and the opponent)
are expecting when reading
the summary chapter?

They appreciate if they can read the summary
(and get a clear picture of the whole project)
without needing to go back and forth.

Is it possible to present the
studies/results in some other
way than paper by paper?

In some cases, yes, but don't try to
push it, if it doesn't feel easy/natural.

How much effort should be invested in writing the summary?

- The most important body of research is in the original papers.
- Should the summary chapter produce something substantially new (e.g., a theory?), something that is not reported in any of the original studies?
- If this is possible (based on the PhD research), it would be better to try and publish it as a paper (after the thesis).



Thank you for your attention!

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