

## OMT Dissertation Proposal Workshop Report

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This year's OMT Dissertation Proposal Workshop again experienced strong demand from excellent applicants from around the world. Following a careful selection process, sixteen doctoral students at the conceptualization stage of their dissertation gathered with prominent faculty mentors over lunch at Roy's Restaurant in Anaheim. Following informal discussions over a tasty lunch, the participants received invaluable advice from the mentors and their peers on ways to advance and improve their dissertation research. This was a tremendous opportunity for students to network with and get feedback from each other, as well as from established scholars in an informal and congenial atmosphere. The feedback from students and faculty was uniformly positive and the only complaint was that participants wanted more time! The success of this event, of course, is completely a result of the OMT members who generously volunteer their time as mentors. I therefore want to especially thank the following OMTers for sharing their time and expertise: Royston Greenwood (University of Alberta), Ann Langley (HEC Montréal), Eva Boxenbaum (Mines ParisTech), Joel A.C. Baum (University of Toronto), Ed Zajac (Northwestern), Paul Tracey (Cambridge University), and Candy Jones (University of Edinburgh).