

Seminar Summer Term 2014

Dynamics of Knowledge and Belief

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Website:

<http://www.kbsg.rwth-aachen.de/teaching/SS2014/SemDKB>

Seminar Dates:

- **Introductory Meeting:** Wednesday, March 18th 2014
- **Talks:** One to three days of talks, first week of August

Location:

All meetings take place in *Seminar Room 15 (6202)*



Given literature is a **starting point for own literature search**.
You need to read a number of references to complete the picture!

- Seminar paper and talk should be in English!
- Prepare the paper and the slides preferably with \LaTeX
- About 20 pages (including references)
- Your paper will need multiple iterations



The review should help your fellow student to improve his seminar paper and prove that you read it thoroughly!

- Summary of the seminar paper (e.g., 3 sentences)
- Things you liked about it (e.g., 1 paragraph)
- Major comments (e.g., what's hard to understand?)
- Minor comment (e.g., typos)



Slides to **condense and support transfer of your knowledge**.
Be brief and precise so your listeners can follow!

- Talk must be in English
- Presentation should be ~ 35 min + 10 min discussion
- Prepare the slides preferably with \LaTeX
- Contact your adviser in case of questions



Up to **three weeks from now on** you are allowed to recede from the seminar without any consequences. A later rescission will be graded as a failed attempt!



- specialized training on literature search:
small groups (up to 6), individual examples,
local and supra-regional catalogs and databases
- Presentation: distinguishing different types of literature
- acquisition of literature:
delivery service, full text search,
lending and interlending, etc. pp.
- guided tour: the CS-Library and what it has to offer
- rally: practical exercise
- length: 2 h

Participation mandatory if not already completed!



Formal accounts for:

- What do I know (initially)?
- Closed World Assumption: if I don't know something, it's false
- How to learn new things (sensing)?
- How to revise beliefs?
- How to plan with beliefs?

Logic will be very important!



- 1 Knowledge and Action
- 2 Progression
- 3 Classic Belief Revision
- 4 Belief Revision under Action
- 5 Proper Knowledge Bases
- 6 Noisy Sensors
- 7 Modal Situation Calculus
- 8 Planning and Sensing
- 9 Limited Belief
- 10 Continual Planning
- 11 Conformant Planning



- We use a conference system:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=semdkb2014>

Deadlines are strict!

- Five stages:

- 1 Understand literature, discuss it with your advisor 2-4 weeks
- 2 Write and submit the seminar paper 8-10 weeks
- 3 Read and review fellow students' seminar papers 2 weeks
- 4 Prepare final seminar paper and slides 2 weeks
- 5 Give talk, listen to others early in August

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| 2014-03-18: | Introductory meeting | |
| 2014-03-18: | Get an EasyChair account ¹ | today |
| 2014-03-31 – 2014-04-18: | Discuss literature with advisor | 2–4 weeks |
| 2014-06-20: | Paper submission deadline ² | 8–10 weeks |
| 2014-07-04: | Review deadline ³ | 2 weeks |
| 2014-08-01: | Paper camera-ready version ⁴ | 2 weeks |
| 2014-08-04 – 2014-08-08: | Seminar talks | 1–3 days |

To keep the deadlines: submit early and often!

¹<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=semddb2014>

²By this date you *must* have submitted

³By this date you *must* have written and submitted your reviews

⁴By this date you *must* have submitted your final seminar paper