Qualifying Paper Evaluation Rubric

SIGNIFICANCE (+/-)

What is central question or thesis of the paper?

Is question/thesis substantial enough to merit investigation?

Is it focused enough to investigate in a rigorous manner?

Is the central question or thesis topic important to the field? Does it break new ground or deepen our thinking about linguistic issues?

BACKGROUND (+/-)

Is the topic situated in an appropriate context within the field?

How thorough is the literature review?

Is a theoretical or argumentative framework provided?

EVIDENCE (+/-)

Are the methods appropriate for the investigation?

What is the quality of the data?

Is adequate evidence being brought to bear to answer the research questions in a compelling manner?

ARGUMENT (+/-)

How good is the connection between the thesis and the evidence? Or, does the evidence answer the central question under investigation?

Is the argument coherent, complete, and well-structured?

CLARITY (+/-)

Is the submitted paper a polished paper? Has is bee formatted according to a specified style guide?

Is the writing clear and grammatical?

Is the paper well organized?

NB. The QP coordinator will reject out of hand (i.e., without review) any papers that are deemed to be in rough draft form. Submit only highly polished papers. Make sure that you QP submission has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by your QP supervisor.

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