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**SEMINAR 2 - CRITICALLY READING ACADEMIC  
TEXTS AND EFFICIENT NOTE-TAKING**

23 April 2020

**Welcome to the second week of your Academic Skills course!**

**Every week on Monday, you will be given an exercise to complete before the Thursday online seminars.**

**The key learning outcome of Seminar 2 is to improve your note-taking skills through practising two different methods of effective note-taking.**

### **Home exercise instructions**

- 1. Open the academic article .pdf attached to the email.**

*Schepman, Astrid, Paul Rodway, Carol Beattie, and Jordana Lambert (2012). "An Observational Study of Undergraduate Students' Adoption of (mobile) Note-taking Software." Computers in Human Behavior 28 (2), pp. 308-17.*

- 2. As you are reading the article, please do **take notes exactly as you would normally do when reading articles or books** when preparing for your assignments in the past.**

*Don't spend more or less time on this task than you normally would. Just imagine you're doing this reading for one of your essays!*

- 3. Copy paste your notes in a word document and email it to me by Thursday morning.**

*The Thursday seminar will start with sharing some of your notes anonymously. We will compare and discuss them together. After this exercise, I'll present different note-taking techniques. I will detail and demonstrate two different techniques of efficient note-taking that will help you in your essay and dissertation preparation. The final part of the seminar will be a live demonstration of note-taking on a longer academic article.*

See you on Zoom on Thursday 2pm!

*Alexandra, AcademiaOne Course Director*