

Term: "Focused"

Definition:

There is a growing tension between the comprehensive nature of a thesis and the focused nature of a strong thesis. While the thesis must encompass the full extent of claims and evidence, it must be exactly that broad in scope and no more. Frequently, in attempts to create a thesis that all sub-arguments can stand on, scholars will make their thesis too broad. A focused thesis zooms in on the idea or argument being developed in the paper.