

### **Midway assessment HGO 4605**

As it was not possible to arrange HGO 4605 in the autumn semester 2022, it was moved to the spring semester 2023. HGO 4605 has previously attracted a good number of students, but this time only three signed up. The course is based on eight seminar lectures, a demanding reading list and a large, flipped class-room element (group work, presentations, and discussion after a one-hour lecture). With such a few students, the number of topics to be discussed and voices to be heard would reduce the potential learning outcomes from each session and rather require much more individual work. In consultation with the students at the first seminar lecture, we decided that we nonetheless should go ahead with it. At the fourth seminar lecture (6 March 2023), I initiated a short conversation about the experiences with the course so far. The students expressed that the topics were interesting, had no suggestions regarding changes in the contents and form of the course and seemed pleased with the information flow. The reading tips they received prior to each seminar lecture was highly appreciated. When I asked them at the last seminar lecture, it was mentioned that a couple of the seminar lectures could have been more clearly/directly connected to the chains and networks approaches. The students will be given another chance to comment on the course after the home exam, anonymously on 'Nettskjema'. Their experiences will be useful when we decide what to do with the course as part of the overall rationalisation and change that are due in our HGO MA course portfolio.

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