

## **Periodic course evaluation EDU4110 Autumn 2017**

I asked the class, during last course day, to offer their feedback about the course. And also the the class representative asked many of students later and sent me some written comments.

Based on his communication with students, he identified the ff. points:

- generally they are satisfied with the organization and pace of the course
- they appreciated the instructor's openness and readiness for offering support for those who needed
- they enjoyed the lecture by one of the invited guest lecturers but were unsure of what they got from the other guest lecturer
- they require more instructions about the exam

My take:

I agree that students were very much engaged, particularly when they were put in small group discussions. The topics covered were also very interesting and required reflections from students.

We can think of giving even more information about the class to guest lecturers so that they could make the best out of their lectures.

As to exam instructions, I do not agree with students' suggestions. I explained a lot about the exam and the grading at course start. I then gave the class the exam question during the 2nd day of the course and explained what is really needed from students. I brought examples to illustrate how one can approach the exam. Most importantly, I dedicated the last day of the course to workshops when we were discussing in small groups students' topics. I also offered one-on-one feedback and support to many of them- in fact I took 20 more minutes beyond class hour. So, there was surely much support as to the exam. The exam required students to problematize topics, cut down them in to manageable units, and collect and analyze information. This required a lot critical and independent thinking, as it is part of the learning outcomes for the course. Interestingly, most of them did quite well in their exam papers.

I therefore have no suggestions for next offering of the course other than to have a bit more instructional hours. The course is 10 credits and was planned to be offered in seven days - 28 hours. This last autumn, it was cut down to 20 hours.

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