

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

A&S Fall 2022 Standard Evaluation

Course: POLSGU4866_001_2022_3 - INT'L POLITICAL ECONOMY-DISC: POLSG4866_001_2022_3_158329






Instructor: Simone Paci *

Response Rate: 10/15 (66.67 %)

1 - What did you learn - in terms of knowledge, skills, or perspectives - in this course?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate	4/15 (26.67%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the discussion section, we reviewed the content we learned in class. We also did additional assignments to strengthen our understanding and research abilities. discussion section to the main course (re-cap of course with the addition of supporting evidence/readings/theories that were not included in lecture). Learned a lot about cases of globalization (e.g. the Latin American Debt Crisis), theories and models of globalization (Stolper-Samuelson model, Heckscher-Ohlin model), the Bretton Woods conference and the organizations that it established (World Bank, IMF, WTO), and resources/approaches to social science research (TA introduced me to databases like Elicit). It served as a review of lecture material with interactive activities to make the content more tangible. The class was organized in a way that was engaging and fun to be in. We learned to work together, ask questions about gaps in our understandings, and go a little deeper into the ideas and theories of IPE. 	




2 - What percentage of the work (including reading) assigned for this course did you complete on schedule?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
All or almost all	(1)	6	60.00%					
Most	(2)	1	10.00%					
Some	(3)	1	10.00%					
This question is not applicable	(4)	2	20.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate								
10/15 (66.67%)								





3 - What is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths? In what ways might it be improved? In answering this question, you might address the value of readings and assignments, the structure of the course (including the relationship of sections to lectures), the contribution of the course to your knowledge of the subject matter and to the development of your analytical and reasoning skills, etc. We encourage you to use specific examples where possible.

Response Rate	3/15 (20%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I enjoyed the more mobile activities that we conducted during this course. We had multiple simulations and activities where we could physically move around instead of being strapped in our chairs the entire time. The course helped me get a better understanding of key concepts from the course, at times even better than the class itself. Simone was incredible as a TA in the discussion section. He basically taught the content of the course himself while the professor kind of just entertained whatever thoughts came to his mind, occasionally wasting time with really specific tangents. The TA made sure we knew what we had to know. Excellent organization and planning. Each class had a modified format to best adapt the material. I wish we had time to do everything Simone planned. Section clearly reflected lectures and clarified any misunderstandings. I appreciated the care that was taken to explain the material in a different context. For instance the card game to understand collaboration, and the data analysis the following week. 	

4 - What is your overall assessment of the course?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	8	80.00%					
Very Good	(4)	2	20.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
10/15 (66.67%)				4.80	0.42	5.00		

5 - Would you recommend this course to another student?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Definitely recommend	(1)	7	70.00%					
Probably recommend	(2)	2	20.00%					
I'm not sure I'd recommend	(3)	1	10.00%					
Probably not recommend	(4)	0	0.00%					
Definitely not recommend	(5)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate								
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6 - Please qualify your recommendations if you wish: The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate 1/15 (6.67%)

- Incredibly interesting material and accessible teaching staff

7 - How does the workload in this course compare to Columbia courses with a similar structure (e.g. a lecture, seminar, laboratory, or language course)? The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Much heavier workload	(1)	0	0.00%		
Heavier workload	(2)	1	10.00%	■	
Similar workload	(3)	5	50.00%	■■■■■	
Lighter workload	(4)	4	40.00%	■■■■■	
Much lighter workload	(5)	0	0.00%		
No basis for comparison	(6)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	
Response Rate					
10/15 (66.67%)					

8 - How many hours a week did you devote to this course? (Note: Please include all time spent on this class including class time, discussion sections, readings, assignments, studying, etc.) The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.

Response Rate 2/15 (13.33%)

- If assignments were due, maybe 4 or 5 (only for the big essays). Otherwise, 0-1 depending how deeply I did the readings.
- 4-4.5 hours

9 - Please evaluate Simone Paci. What are Simone Paci's strengths? In what ways might their teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of Simone Paci to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return assignment, etc. -

Response Rate 5/15 (33.33%)

- I would definitely recommend Professor Paci. He's dynamic, engaging, and responsive to students' needs. I really appreciated how he asked for feedback for the course and our expectations for it throughout the semester and delivered on those requests immediately. We had a smaller discussion group, but even at 9am on a Friday he would get us talking about political economy and international organizations.
- SIMONE IS A GOD. This man needs no improvement. He clarified absolutely all of the content, as the professor often did not cover the subjects we were supposed to learn in his main lecture. Simone taught very clearly, with visuals, and was sure to be engaging, letting students arrive at conclusions themselves through participation rather than feeding us the answers. He also used fun and engaging activities to make sure we never got bored or distracted. He was able to effectively boil down the main points of the readings so that we all understood them. Moreover, he was always available for office hours, very much giving direct advice and guidance as to how students could improve their grades.
- Simone was more than excellent in leading the discussion section.
- Simone has been one of the most dedicated, organized, and involved TAs I have had. He was present at almost every lecture and clearly paid attention to key topics to incorporate in section. He crafted fun, engaging, and innovative ways to explore theories and ideas that may be hard to grasp. I really appreciated his creativity. He always had room for questions and encouraged us to work as groups to reaffirm our learning. His comments on my essays were always very thorough and reasonable. He was a fair grader and I feel his comments helped me grow. He has a great attitude and disposition towards the class which made me happy to be in section. I never felt that our activities were a waste of time. He was also very flexible in accommodating for those who needed a remote alternative. I don't have anything to say for constructive criticism because I felt he truly did his job to the best of his ability and it was reflected in my very positive experience.
- Simone is awesome! He was able to further develop and expand on ideas and themes we had discussed in lecture in a straightforward and clear way. He is always open to student feedback and genuinely cares about being as helpful as possible. He wants all of his students to have a strong understanding and foundation of the material, and is happy to re-explain concepts as needed. He is always available and flexible with office hours, which I truly appreciated. One of the best TAs I've ever worked with!

10 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Simone Paci? -

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	9	90.00%	■■■■■	4.90
Very Good	(4)	1	10.00%	■	
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
10/15 (66.67%)				4.90	0.32
					Median
					5.00

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11 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might 's teaching be improved?	
Response Rate	0/15 (0%)

12 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of ?

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Excellent	(5)	0	0.00%		0.00			
Very Good	(4)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
0/15 (0.00%)				0.00		0.00		0.00