

Evaluation of SOS/SGO 9050 – Thesis seminar: Midway assessment, Spring 23

The seminar involves discussions of manuscripts or parts of the theses – drafts of one article or book chapter. External or internal specialists on the topics of these manuscripts functioned as commentators. In addition, one of the participant PhD scholars served as main commentator, but the remaining PhD scholars also were expected to comment, as well as the course convenors. Five participants (out of nine) filled out the evaluation forms. A possible explanation for the non-response is that these forms were sent out a bit late. But it is also possible that there are some other specific reasons, e.g., fields (SOS vs. SOSGEO), or level of satisfaction. The participants that answered the forms seem satisfied and mention good and constructive comments and discussions as a main reason for their satisfaction. However, some suggestions for improvements also came up, such as clearer expectations about the level of completion of the manuscripts and their length (is a maximum of 25 page too short?). One suggested that the course participants could be divided according their chosen method (quantitative vs. qualitative). The course convenors will consider these suggestions before arranging this course next semester.