

## **Summary of Course Evaluation for UiO ISS SGO9208A, Fall 2023**

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The majority of students assessed the course as valuable – a well-organized learning experience, using diverse teaching methods, with enough room for discussion and creating a safe environment for ideas and development. Most students emphasized the importance of connecting course material to their own projects, e.g., through the presentations and final paper.

Multiple participants mentioned the following qualities:

- Structure and organization,
- Well-selected readings,
- Presentation of different perspectives,
- Quality of lectures/instructors,
- Interdisciplinarity of participants.

Some things that could be improved in future iterations:

- Separating required/essential and additional readings,
- Including small-group (break-out) discussions or exercises
- More time for in-depth discussion of theory and cases – more case applications,
- A bigger/better room.

75% of participants considered the course very or extremely relevant for their future work. More than 80% assessed it as above average compared to other PhD courses; 25% of respondents stated it was the best PhD course they had taken.