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University of Zurich
Philosophische Fakultät: Institut für
Politikwissenschaft
To the instructors of the course:
"Theories of Legitimacy and Authority in International
Relations"

Zurich in spring 2026

Evaluations of Teaching: Evaluation Report, Spring Semester 2026

Dear instructor(s)

Hereby you will find your evaluation report on results of your course:

„Theories of Legitimacy and Authority in International Relations“

The report contains frequencies of particular satisfaction aspects. Thus, features which need improvement from the students' perspective become recognizable. The satisfaction items with a scale show how satisfied the students are with the course overall. Furthermore, there are student comments included, if available.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely
Quality Management Education & Teaching

These results are sent to the following instructor(s):

Johannes Scherzinger

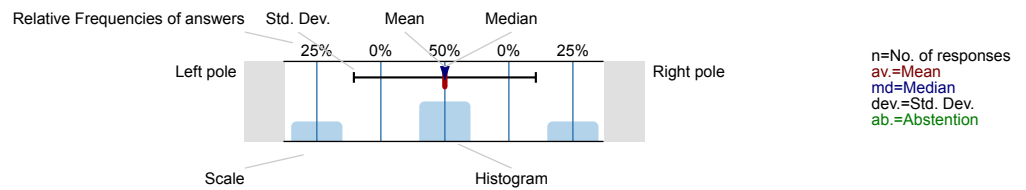
Theories of Legitimacy and Authority in International Relations (Seminar), FS 2026

Johannes Scherzinger

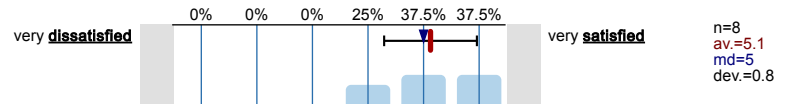
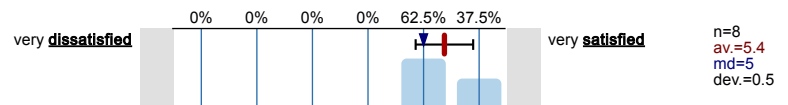


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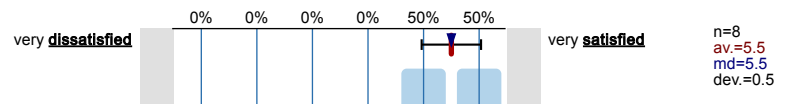
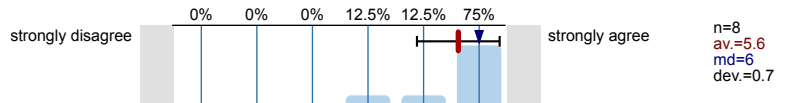
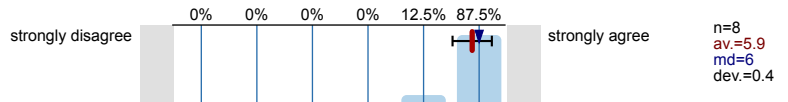
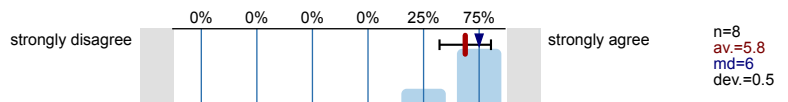
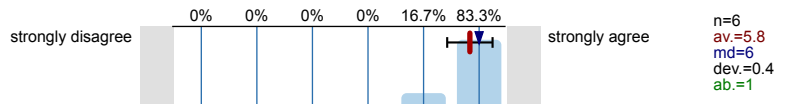
Question text



Overall Satisfaction

How **satisfied** are you with the course overall?Overall, how **satisfied** are you with the **realization of the course** (e. g., course mode, portion of interactive and asynchronous elements, etc.)?

Questions on the Instructor Johannes Scherzinger

How **satisfied** are you with the instructor **overall**?The instructor taught the content in a **clear and comprehensible** manner.The instructor presented the lecture in a **structured way** (structure, transparency, common thread).The instructor used various strategies to motivate the students to **actively participate** in the course units.The instructor was **reasonably available**.Comments regarding the **positive** aspects concerning the instructor (optional):

- Die Studierenden hatten in jeder Sitzung verschiedene Möglichkeiten, sich aktiv zu beteiligen, was ich sehr geschätzt habe. Obwohl das Seminar sehr theorielastig ist, hat sich Herr Scherzinger stets darum bemüht, praktische Beispiele zu nennen, was mir beim Verständnis sehr geholfen hat.
- great teaching style - very interactive and engaging! the instructor creates a very motivating environment to participate in.
- It was very clear that Johannes Scherzinger is very passionate about the content of this course. His excitement motivated me to actively take part in class and put effort into the assignments.
- Loved the excitement
- very enthusiastic

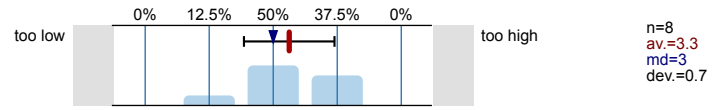
What other aspects concerning the instructor do you think need **improvement**? (Optional)

Please be aware that your comments are forwarded to the instructors without being double-checked. We kindly ask you to refrain from remarks **infringing upon the rights and honor of a person as well as inconsiderate or destructive comments**.

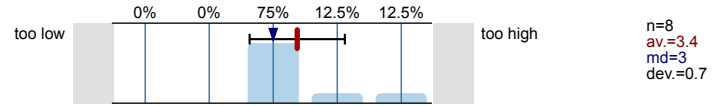
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Further Opinions

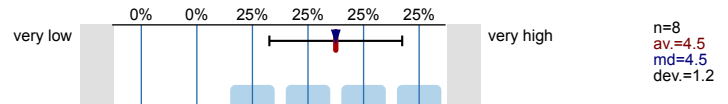
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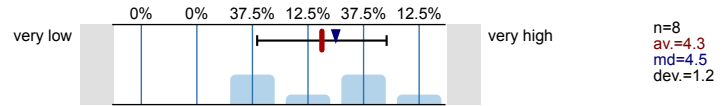
How do you rate your **workload** of this course? (*middle check box = "just right"*)



How do you rate the **value of this course for your overall studies**?



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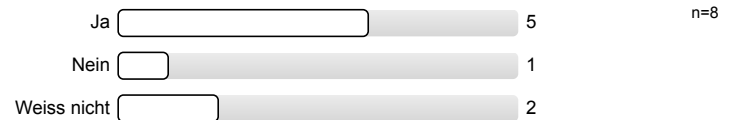


Do you have any **comments** regarding these further opinions? (Optional)

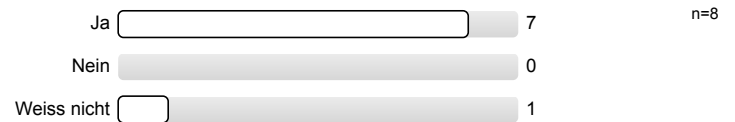
- I appreciated the theoretical approach of this course, which was unique compared to other seminars.
- Ich fand den Leseaufwand sehr hoch. Deshalb konnte ich manchmal nicht alle Paper lesen wodurch ich nicht aktiv an der Diskussion teilhaben konnte. Zudem hatte ich manchmal das Gefühl, dass es nicht nur mir so ging weil oftmals die selben Leute sich gemeldet haben.

Einschätzungen zur Diversität

Denken Sie, dass dieser Kurs vielfältigere theoretische und methodische Perspektiven erfordert?



Sind Sie der Meinung, dass der/die Dozierende während des Unterrichtes angemessene Formen (Sprache, Beispiel für Illustrationen, etc.) für eine diverse Gesellschaft verwendet?



Gibt es Ihrer Meinung nach spezifische Aspekte des Kurses mit Bezug auf Diversität, welche besonders gut gehandhabt wurden oder welche verbessert werden könnten?

- While the texts we read for class were quite diverse, I would have appreciated to hear more from perspectives outside of the Western world (e.g. authors from the global south, more contrasting opinions)

Final Remarks on the Course

In the following, you can leave final remarks on the course. Please focus on the course and avoid comments concerning the instructor/s.

Comments regarding **positive aspects** of this course (optional):

- I enjoyed the course very much. I thought it was refreshing to have a course that focuses more on theory, rather than empirical analyses like most of the other courses.
I also enjoyed the groups works for the most part. It was nice to work together with other students and get to know them. I also think that most of them gave us a better understanding of the topics being discussed.

- I loved the approach of the course and the possibility to discuss only theoretical approaches for once. the teaching style of the instructor was also excellent.
- I very much liked the interactive elements, like group exercises.
- Nice interactive settings, good structured sessions for discussing the readings

Please elaborate on aspects in **need of improvement** (e. g., ideas on the course content, learning objectives):

- Some more empirical literature on legitimacy and authority in IR would indeed be nice. Thinking of some literature on quantitative studies in IR and also text-as-data papers in IR.
- Some of the group tasks didn't feel like they contributed very much to our understanding of the theories of legitimacy. An example is the exercise we did for the session on the WTO. While the discussion and "game" to get our preferred policies was fun, it didn't really give us a better understanding of legitimacy. In cases like that the instructions or the design of the exercise should probably be revised.
- What exactly a critical essay is and how to write one could have been discussed earlier, so one could start earlier to think about possible topics. Sometimes the texts were from a very long time ago: would have been interesting to see some more recent literature

Personal Information/Study Information

I am attending this course in the following semester of my academic level:

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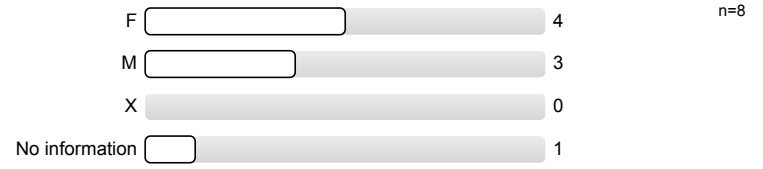
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Gender



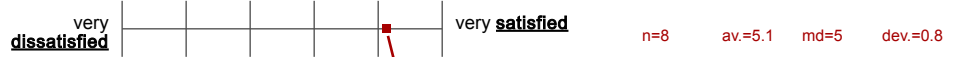
Profile

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 (Name of the survey)

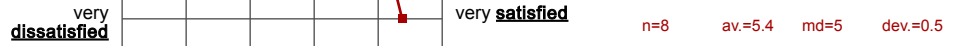
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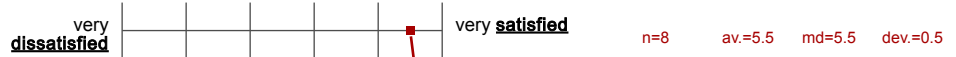


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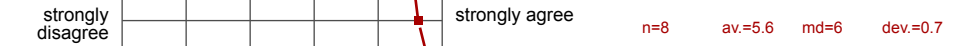


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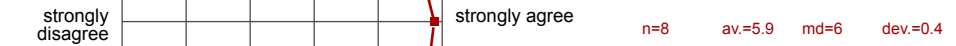
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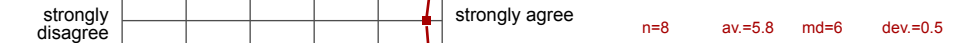
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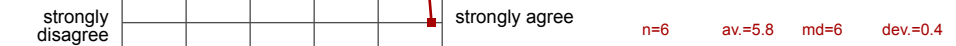
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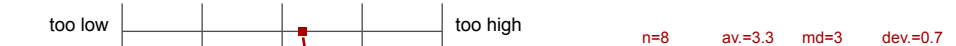


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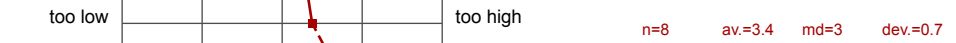


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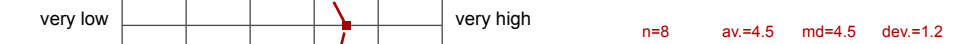
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