Some Logistics

References for the course

I collect all the material for the course in the dedicated page on my website

https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching#na

There you can find:

- the description of the exam;

- the (updated) deadlines for project delivery;

- the explanation of the evaluation of project reports;

- all the lecture notes (slides);

- the calendar of the lectures;

- the bibliography of the course;

- illustrative datasets for UCINET;

- links to manuals and videos for UNICET;

- the first reading group paper (see the next slides);

- a list of suggested seminar papers for student reading groups (see the next slides).

Reading groups

Students form **groups of 3 members** to read papers and present them to the rest of the class.

This is a good way to:

- Get a taste of the breadth of application of Network Analysis (NA);

- See applications of different NA techniques;

- Practice reading papers (good writers are very good readers);

- Practice presenting papers (and contexts, and ideas, and techniques, …)

Reading groups • Group formation and Schedule

- Students form groups spontaneously. To register the formation of your group, one member writes me an email with the list of components (in cc) <u>PLUS</u> your paper preference (see next slide).

  - Deadline: **September 27th, 23:59 UTC+1**

- Students who cannot find whom to form a group with, can contact me. I will do the match-making (no room for discussion).

  - Deadline: **September 25th, 23:59 UTC+1**

- After you are notified with your group formation, you meet and send me an email with your paper preferences (see next slide).

  - Deadline (as the other groups): **September 27th, 23:59 UTC+1**

Reading groups • Group formation and Schedule

- Groups decide what paper they would like to read and present during the course.

- Groups can come up with papers they like, e.g., found by themselves on Google Scholar. In case you want suggestions, you can find some at https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching#na under the toggle "Suggested Seminar Papers"

- The assignment follows a first-come-first-served policy. Choose two/three options (favourite + backups) and include those in your registration email

    - After the deadline of group formation, I will confirm the assignment of the paper;

    - The first round of presentations will start from the week after the deadline.

Reading groups • First group read

- The next lecture we will (read, I will) comment the first research paper together. This is to give you a feeling for what I would expect to see in your presentations, content-wise;

- The paper is "An Information Flow Model for Conflict and Fission in Small Groups" by Wayne W. Zachary;

- You can find it either by clicking on the link above or on my website at https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching#na next to the label "Reading Group Paper";

- I suggest to give it a first read — do not panic if something is not clear, we will get there — to get the gist of the sections and its contents, so you already have some basis to better grasp the presentation.