

# Some Logistics

# Reading groups

Students form **groups of 2 to 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 can form groups spontaneously. To confirm the formation of your group, one member writes me an email with the list of components (in cc) PLUS your paper preference (see next slide).
- Deadline: **October 1st, 23:59 UTC+2**
- Students who cannot find whom to form a group with, can contact me. I will do the match-making (no room for disputes).
- Deadline: **September 29th, 23:59 UTC+2**
- After you are notified with your group formation, you meet and send me an email with your paper preferences (see next slide).
- Deadline (as “spontaneous” groups): **October 1st, 23:59 UTC+2**

# 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/> under the toggle “Suggested Seminar Papers”
- The assignment follows a first-come-first-served policy. Choose a two/three of options (e.g., favourite + backups) and include those in your email to me
  - After the deadline for group formation, I will confirm the assignment of the paper
  - The first round of presentations will be on **October 8th**

# Reading groups • First group read

- On **October 1st** we will (read, I will) comment a first 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”;
- You can find it either by clicking on the link above or on my website at <https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching/> next to the label “Reading Group Paper”;
- I suggest to give it a first (at least superficial) read, to get the gist of the sections and its contents, so you already have some bases to better grasp the presentation.