

Modeling Political Decisions for Sustainability

Grading Criteria for Assignment #2: Simulation Papers

Total: 50 points (maximum); maximum points in brackets for each category.

Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Score
Paper Contents (23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Coherence with the assignment (2)▪ Relevant Actors (3) <i>Which actors did you include in the analysis and why?</i>▪ Input Data for the Base Run (2) <i>Develop a base run, i.e., the input file for the initial prediction interpreted further below. Justify all data entries (reprint input data for the base run in Appendix 1).</i>▪ Technical Interpretation of Simulations (Base Run) (3) <i>Undertake the base run and interpret the outputs, incl. when the game ends (and why), the position at the end of the game, the dynamics of positioning of core actors, whether or not the veto was exercised, other important observations, incl. important changes in scores over time.</i>▪ Substantive Interpretation of Simulations (Base Run) (3) <i>What does the technical interpretation mean substantively, given the thematic scope of the prediction?</i>▪ Robustness Checks (4) <i>Undertake a range of robustness checks, e.g., by adding new or deleting existing stakeholders (justify each), changes in input scores, use of parameter spaces if no reliable measurement of core inputs is possible, etc. Interpret the findings in comparison to the base run.</i>▪ Conclusions (3) <i>Pull the findings from the technical and substantive interpretation of the base run together in conjunction with the robustness checks. Critically reflect on the plausibility of your findings. What would you have done if there were no limitations on time and other resources to undertake these predictions?</i>▪ Appendix 1: Reprint of Input Data of Your Base Run in the Paper (1) <i>(excluded in the word count)</i>▪ Appendix 2: Include All Input Files in the upload in executable (.txt) form (2) <i>(excluded from the word count)</i>	

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	<i>Upload all input files as separate “.txt” files to →Open.UP for replication. Please do not upload your output files.</i>	
Paper - Formal Aspects (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ clearly written and well structured (2) ▪ length: adherence to word count [word count included in document?] (3) ▪ orthography: appropriate and spell-checked? (2) ▪ all authors identified/student ID as well as their respective contributions? (2) ▪ academic referencing? (3) 	
Oral Presentation (15)	▪ Quality of presentation, incl. presentation file (8)	
	▪ Q&A (7)	
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