

7323A048FY

## Understanding Politics through Psychology

### Guidelines for the Assignments

#### Objective

The assignments aim to develop the student's ability to summarize works, arguments and debates.

They also seek to develop their ability to think critically, notably about academic studies.

#### Format

A synthesis of the readings assigned for a particular class.

The first part of the assignment will consist of a summary of the readings. The student should aim to present the arguments and results of the readings in a thematic manner; try to avoid simply presenting the summaries of the reading one after another.

The second part of the assignment will critically analyse the readings. For example: How can the readings be applied to 'real life'? What are some of the issues (problems with the analytical framework, omissions, etc.) with the studies?

The assignment should follow a conventional framework for written work: introduction, main text (body), conclusion.

#### Length

The assignments should contain approximately 5 double-spaced pages; (roughly 1,500 words).

#### Deadline

Each assignment must be submitted via Blackboard (or email) before the start of the class the readings are assigned for.

No late assignments will be accepted.

#### Sources

It is not necessary to refer to other works beyond the assigned readings, but you may do so. However, don't forget to cite any other sources and to present their references in a bibliography or a footnote.

For information on citing sources, please refer to the UvA English Style Guide.

#### Plagiarism

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's ideas as your own. Copying, paraphrasing or translating of text needs to be referenced according to academic standards. Plagiarism will be sanctioned severely.

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