



# SOSC 12400 14 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - John Kelly

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2024**

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **9**

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## Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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## What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
how to think,
He's very good at explaining the books and the context behind them
The class destabilized by views of political economy. It made me question ideas I had taken for granted it a really great way. I learned ideas about political economy, but also how to read social science texts and write about them as well as critical thinking skills.
four main thinkers: khaldun, smith, marx, weber. we also read mauss and "the gift" at the very end which was a great way to end the term before christmas break.
This course provides a historical look at political economy dating back to the 1400s

## Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments
Professor Kelly has slideshows for each class discussion which contribute to the readings and provide background
mostly just discussion, but VERY helpful for comprehension
I liked class discussions. Professor Kelly is a good lecturer.
the discussions and lectures were typically very engaging and interesting. sometimes it was a bit difficult to participate because he asks difficult questions but other times it was easy. if you want to do very well in this class you have to be diligent with the readings, sometimes skimming won't cut it. but that's okay because you're reading important scholars anyways and it will greatly improve your reading comprehension and writing abilities.
Most of my learning came through the lectures/class discussions, but office hours were also extremely helpful

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	37.50%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%
I felt respected in this class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.38	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	62.50%	37.50%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Discussion was very helpful, and the numerous possible essay prompts gave lots of creative freedom which was appreciated
I have loved this class so far. Highly recommend for your SOSC core.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	12.50%	87.50%
Anyone interested in the topic	0.00%	100.00%

## Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
he was frank and open with his opinions, he spoke to us like equals
He knows a lot about the topics and readings in this course and is clearly very passionate about the topics
Discussion
Lectures and discussions in class were interesting and helpful. I also enjoyed the supplemental readings that Professor Kelly added to the curriculum.
Professor Kelly taught the most through lectures, as well as building off of classroom discussion
He gives extensive paper feedback, though he's a tougher grader. The professor is a lecturer rather than encouraging group discussions. If you enjoy listening/answering questions and don't learn as much in discussion only questions this is a good class for you.

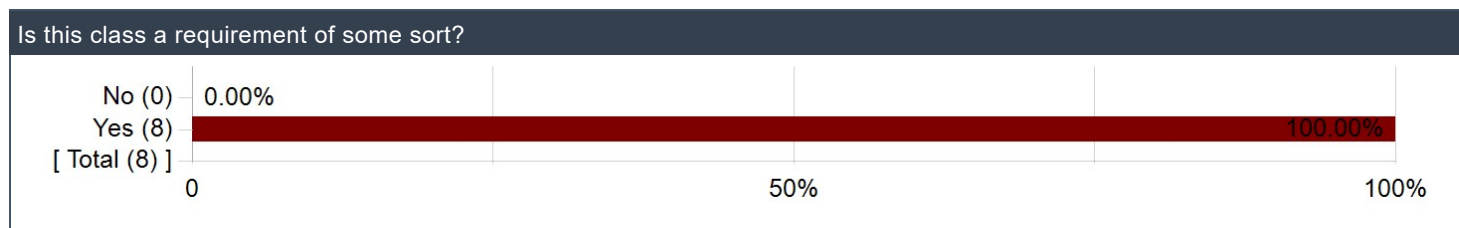
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
he talked a bit too quietly
NA
There could be more of a contrast between lecture vs. discussion. Maybe the first 30 minutes of class is a discussion and the rest is a lecture (arbitrarily), rather than the two being mixed into one another
He has never answered a single email I sent.

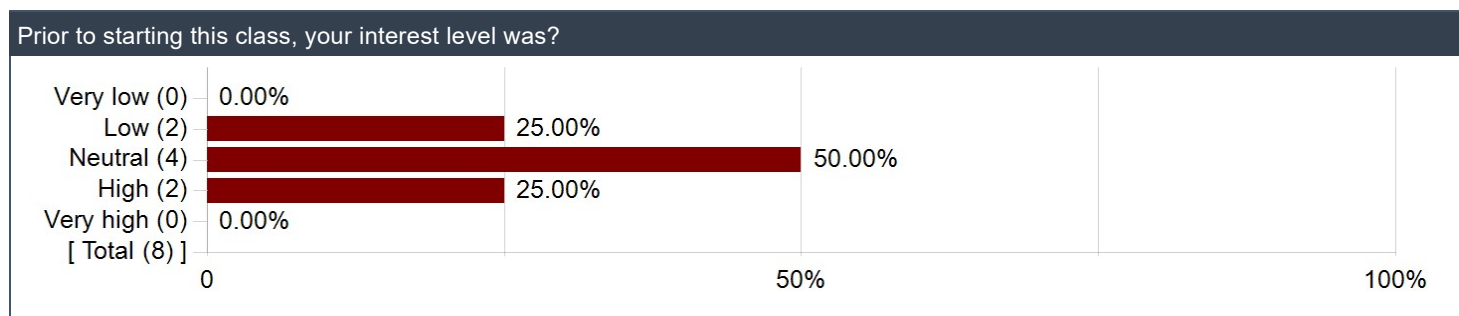
## The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.38	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	12.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	12.50%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	12.50%	37.50%	12.50%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

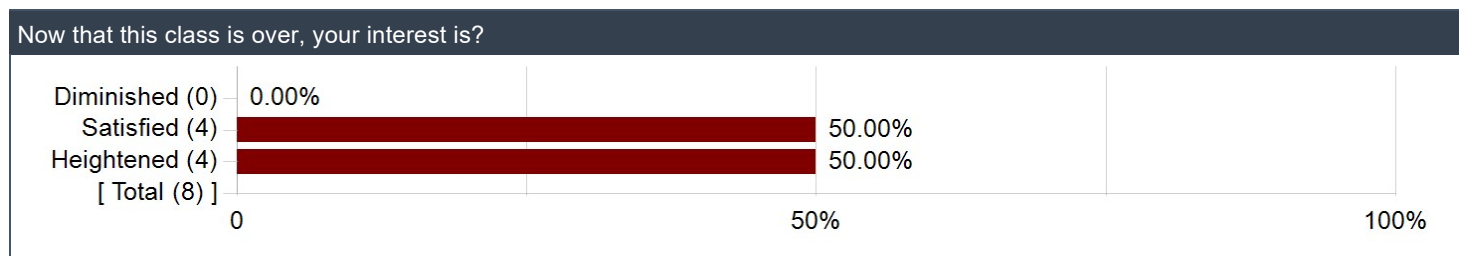
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



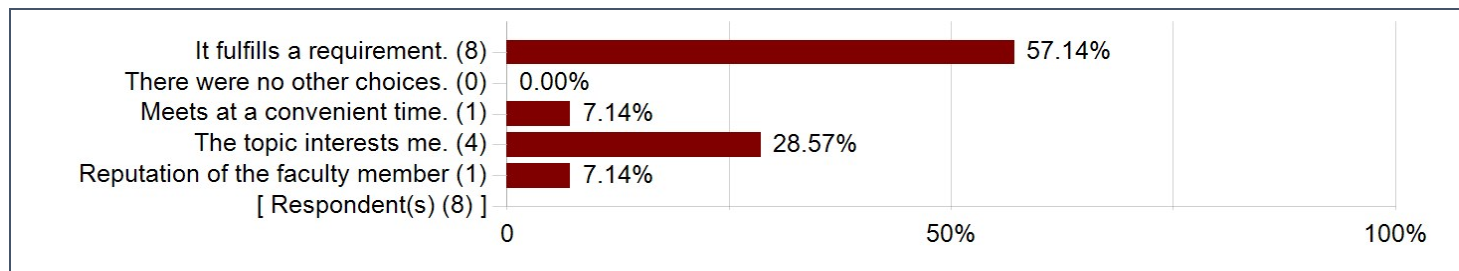
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



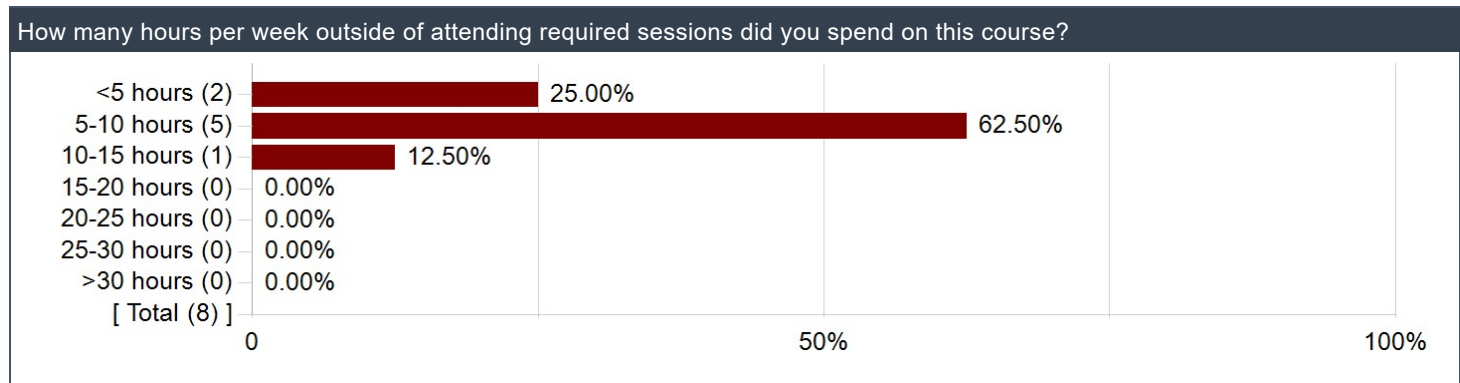
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



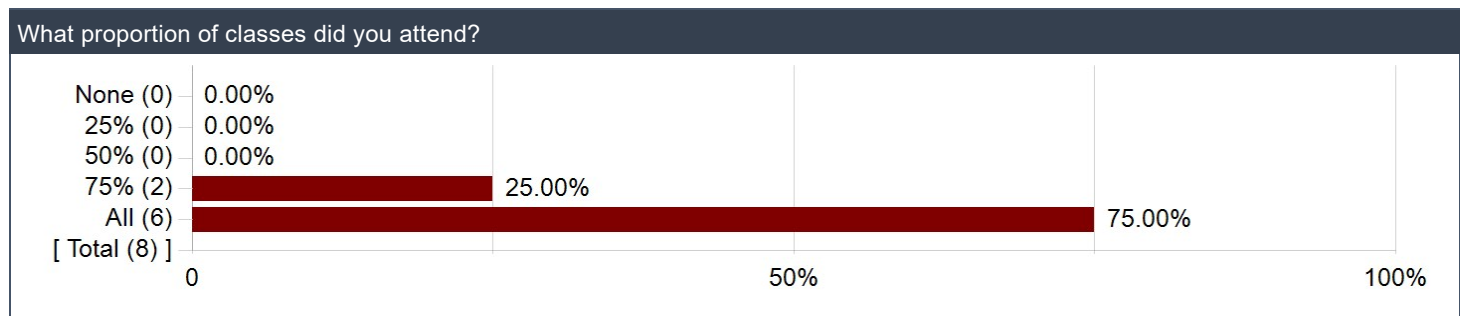
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



## What proportion of classes did you attend?



## Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
it was quite difficult; the readings were long and sometimes dense. Way harder than my humanities course
it was hard after taking Phil per
Other advice: The essays aren't your grade– the best and worst essay grade is the range of grades you can get and he gives your final grade based on class participation, so talk. It doesn't have to be insightful, just ask a question or smth you he knows who you are
This course isn't too difficult but its a lot of bang for your buck for effort. Readings were not too long, but interesting.
decently challenging but worth it
Not awful – similar to HUM difficulty
The first two texts are very complicated, get easier as time goes on. Workload increases throughout the term.