

# Communication and Three-Party Coalition

## Exercise Round 2

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# Please Read Me

- Check the message **Welcome greeting** published in the News Bulletin Board.
- Dear student please edit your profile uploading a photo where your face is clearly visible.
- The purpose of the virtual meetings is to answer questions and not to make a summary of the study material.
- This presentation is based on (Lewicki, Barry, and Saunders 2016, Chapter 7)

# Purpose

Explore the tools and practices to improve communication processes in a negotiation.

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- Why the Midterm Exams are simulations and in group?
  - The negotiation of conflicts is generated between individuals or groups and one way of learning is precisely by negotiating with other people.
  - It is not effective to learn individually and only theoretically.
  - It is as if a person learned theoretically to play football and without ever playing in a team. Most likely, that person will not perform well in a real match.
- Before taking part, students should review the instructions of the Midterm Exam that can be checked at:
  - Primer corte 30% > Learning Activities > Midterm Exam Three Party Coalition Exercise Round 1
- Also check out in the **Links of interest** the video
  - *Three-Party Coalition Exercise*<sup>1</sup> (Program on Negotiation 2014)

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<sup>1</sup>The video is in english and is a recording of the Three-Party Coalition Exercise simulation

## Three Party Coalition Exercise Round 2

- Before the Midterm Exam begins each student of the group, that has been formed, will be randomly assigned to one and only one role as a negotiator of an organization. If there is a group of 4 students, then a role will be played by 2 students. The respective roles are:
  - **Group A**
  - **Group B**
  - **Group C**
- The objective of the negotiation is to obtain the highest number of points and determine how they will be divided. This will be reflected in the grade obtained by each student.

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- If an agreement is not reached between the parties of the negotiation, each **Group** obtains **0 points** and the grade for each student will be **20** out of 50:

Group	Points	Grade
A	0	20
B	0	20
C	0	20

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- If an agreement is reached, it can be obtained between 2 or 3 **Groups**:
  - Possible agreements:
    - **Case 1: A and B** decide to reach an agreement to work together, they obtain **118 points** and must decide how to distribute these points. However, **C** will be excluded.
    - **Case 2: A and C** decide to reach an agreement to work together, they obtain **84 points** and must decide how to distribute these points. However, **B** will be excluded.
    - **Case 3: B and C** decide to reach an agreement to work together, they obtain **50 points** and must decide how to distribute these points. However, **A** will be excluded.
    - **Case 4: A, B and C** decide to reach an agreement to work together, they obtain **121 points** and must decide how to distribute these points. Nobody is excluded.



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- Grades

- **Case 1: A and B work together but C is excluded.**

- C obtains a grade of **30** out of 50.
    - The grade of **A** and **B** will depend on who gets the most of the **118 points**. The **Group** that gets the most points will have a grade of **50** out of **50** and the other **Group** gets a grade of **40** out of **50**. If **A** and **B** divide the points equally, whoever gets the highest grade will be assigned randomly.

- **Case 2: A and C work together but B is excluded.**

- B obtains a grade of **30** out of 50.
    - The grade of **A** and **C** will depend on who gets the most of the **84 points**. The **Group** that gets the most points will have a grade of **50** out of 50 and the other **Group** gets a grade of **40** out of 50. If **A** and **C** divide the points equally, whoever gets the highest grade will be assigned randomly.

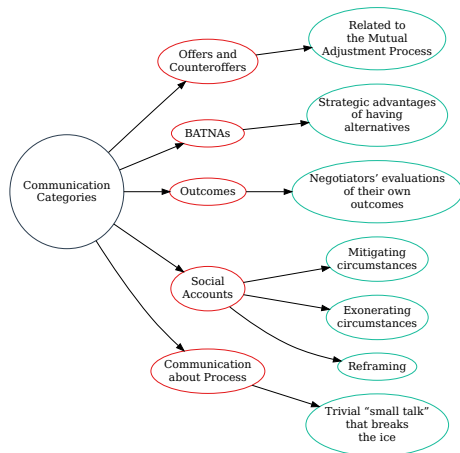
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- Grades
  - **Case 3: B and C** work together but **A** is excluded.
    - **A** obtains a grade of **30** out of 50.
    - The grade of **B** and **C** will depend on who gets the most of the **50 points**. The **Group** that gets the most points will have a grade of **50** out of 50 and the other **Group** gets a grade of **40** out of 50. If **B** and **C** divide the points equally, whoever gets the highest grade will be assigned randomly.
  - **Case 4: A, B and C** work together so nobody is excluded.
    - The **Group** that obtains the highest amount of points will have a grade of **50** out of 50, the **Group** that obtains the second highest amount of points obtains a grade of **40** out of 50 and the **Group** that obtains the lowest amount of points obtains a grade of **30** out of 50. In case of a tie between any of the **Groups**, the one who obtains the highest grade, the second highest grade or the lowest grade will be assigned randomly depending on whether there is a tie between 2 or 3 **Groups**.

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- Before, during and after the Midterm Exam remember:
  - **Before**
    - To form groups where this task is the responsibility of students and read the instructions.
  - **During**
    - You have to make 2 decisions: Who do you want to work with? How will the points be divided?
    - Your grade depends on the amount of points you obtain and no extra points will be assigned for helping or harming the parties involved in the negotiation.
    - If an agreement is reached and the same amount of points is obtained as another **Group** then the highest grade will be assigned randomly within the **Groups** that obtained the same amount of points.
    - It is okay to discuss but you must respect the parameters indicated in the last paragraph of the specific instructions.
  - **After**
    - Once the negotiation is over, which should last a maximum of 20 minutes, inform the professor of the final result: Was an agreement reached? What was the agreement?

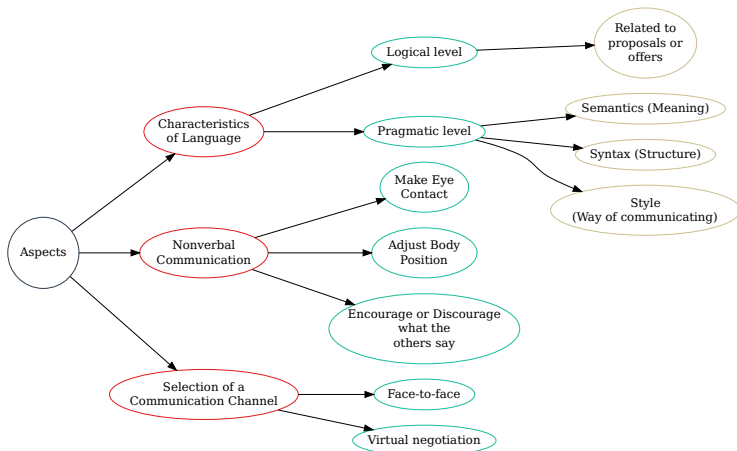
# What Is Communicated during Negotiation?



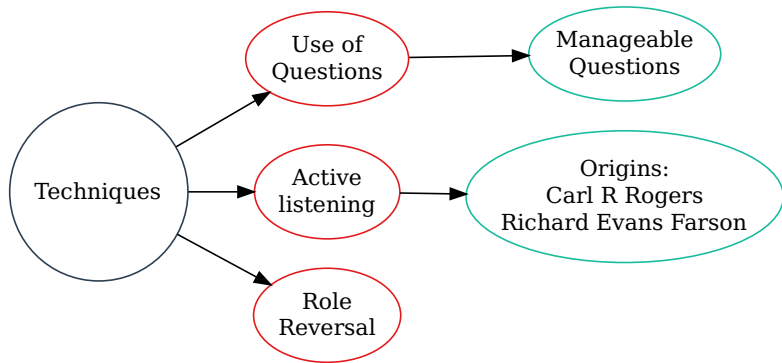
# What Is Communicated during Negotiation?

- 3 key questions and some answers based on the literature about negotiation
  - Be a consistent or adaptive negotiator?
    - Be a consistent negotiator
  - What is said early in the negotiation is important?
    - The first 5 minutes have a large effect on the negotiated agreements
  - Is more information always better?
    - Simply exchanging information does not automatically lead to better understanding of the other party's preferences or to better negotiation outcomes

# How People Communicate in Negotiation



# How to Improve Communication in Negotiation<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup>For more information about active listening in the context of negotiation check out (PON Staff 2020) where active listening was developed by (Rogers and Farson 2015)

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