

## Guidelines Essay

To pass the course, you have to hand in a **scientific essay** on a self-refined question based on the question: "**How does X (natural scientists, journalist, politician,...) deal with uncertainty in relation to the "2 degree limit "? How could the handling be improved?**". Individual questions in the seminar context are possible after arrangement.

*Basic requirement:* maximal two times of absence, at least two own blog entries and at least one time leading the role group in a role-play

*Formal requirements:*

- 3 pages plus title page, bibliography and appendix if applicable
- font size: 11pt and spacing between 1.2 and 1.5
- title page stating your name, an appropriate title, the course and the submission date
- Bibliography/quotation: (Author YEAR)-quotation (Harvard-Style, APA-Style or e.g. Citavi-"Basis"-style); none: "ibid."; no "compare" for indirect quotations; avoid footnotes  
<http://www.scm.nomos.de/fileadmin/scm/doc/APA-6.pdf>

Submit your essay as one pdf-file (< 5 MB) to Jörn Behrens, Michael Brüggemann and Maike Scheffold by **August, 15th**. Name your pdf as following: FirstName\_LastName\_DateofSubmission (DDMMYY)\_essay. **Please note, the penalty for late submission is 0.3 reduction per day!** You will receive feedback per Email.

*Evaluation criteria:*

1. Content: (50%)
  - 1.1 Committed, creative and competent examination of questions and literature/sources
  - 1.2 Processing, summary and reference to what has been learned
  - 1.3 Own ideas/approaches
2. Reasoning and structure (30%)
  - 2.1 Coherent structure and reasoning, common thread
  - 2.2 Clear argumentation and position
  - 2.3 References to the 2-degrees-limit and uncertainty established
3. Form and scientific character (20%)
  - 3.1 Scientific citation, handling of literature, formalities: layout and other design
  - 3.2 Comprehensible and correct language

Checklist for essays (see <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/skillshub/?id=256>): A good essay...

- answers the question
- shows that an in-depth literature search has been carried out
- shows that the evidence has been evaluated
- proves that the question has been understood
- follows a clear line of argument
- is well structured and organized
- contains relevant information to support the argumentation
- uses consistent and accurate referencing
- corresponds to the academic style and is easy to read
- is grammatically correct
- was corrected for error