# Some Logistics

# References for the course

I collect all the material for the course in the dedicated page on my website

https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching#na

There you can find:

- the description of the exam;
- the (updated) deadlines for project delivery;
- the explanation of the evaluation of project reports;
- all the lecture notes (slides);
- the calendar of the lectures;
- the bibliography of the course;
- illustrative datasets for UCINET;
- links to manuals and videos for UNICET;
- the first reading group paper (see the next slides);
- a list of suggested seminar papers for student reading groups (see the next slides).

# Reading groups

Students form **groups of 3–5 members** to read papers and present them to the rest of the class.

This is a good way to:

- Get a taste of the breadth of application of Network Analysis (NA);
- See applications of different NA techniques;
- Practice reading papers (good writers are very good readers);
- Practice presenting papers (and contexts, and ideas, and techniques, …)

# Reading groups • Group formation and Schedule

- Students form groups spontaneously. To register the formation of your group, one member writes me an email with the list of components (in cc) PLUS your paper preference (see next slide).
  - Deadline: **September 26th, 23:59 UTC+1**
- Students who cannot find people to form a group with, can contact me. I will do the match-making (no room for discussion, but you can include interests and logistic constraints).
  - Deadline: **September 24th, 23:59 UTC+1**
  - After you are notified with your group formation, you meet and send me an email with your paper preferences (see next slide).
    - Deadline (as the other groups): **September 26th, 23:59 UTC+1**

# Reading groups · Group formation and Schedule

- Groups decide what paper they would like to read and present during the course.

- Groups can come up with papers they like, e.g., found by themselves on Google Scholar. In case you want suggestions, you can find some at https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching#na under the toggle “Suggested Seminar Papers"

- The assignment follows a first-come-first-served policy. Choose two/three options (favourite + backups) and include those in your registration email

  - After the deadline of group formation, I will confirm the assignment of the paper;

  - The first round of presentations will start from the week after the deadline.

# Reading groups • First group read

- The next lecture we will (read, I will) comment the first research paper together. This is to give you a feeling for what I would expect to see in your presentations, content-wise;

- The paper is “An Information Flow Model for Conflict and Fission in Small Groups" by Wayne W. Zachary;

- You can find it either by clicking on the link above or on my website at https://saveriogiallorenzo.com/teaching#na next to the label “Reading Group Paper”;

- I suggest to give it a first read — do not panic if something is not clear, we will get there — to get the gist of the sections and its contents, so you already have some basis to better grasp the presentation.