

International Organisations and Development

How to write a review paper for the course:
sources, methodology and assignment of topics to students
Lesson X

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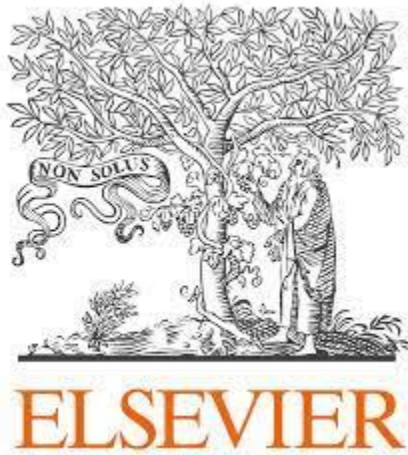
Assessment

- To pass the exam, students must undertake the drafting of a paper consisting of a ***review of works of reference*** in the literature. The topic will be selected on the student's proposal with the teacher's agreement.
- Students choose at least ***TWO JOURNAL ARTICLES*** on the same topic for review.
- The paper of approximately 10 pages must be sent (in Pdf format) to the e-mail address of the instructor at least one week prior the exam session.
- A positive assessment will result in a PASS grade (note that scores in points CANNOT be given for this course).

Some examples of journals of reference



Publishers of reference



Method

- The *review paper* should follow a **formal structure**:
 - **Introduction**: present the topic covered and why it is relevant.
 - **Body**: in 3-5 paragraphs, review carefully the main contents and arguments of the two articles. If there are contending arguments discuss their differences, otherwise explain how the two articles may speak to each other (and to the selected topic). Always make specific reference to the two reviewed articles and to their authors, vagueness will result in *exam failure*!
 - **Conclusion**: summarise the main arguments of the two articles and their relevance in the field of International organisation studies.

Some examples of the topics covered in past papers

IOs and Responsibility to Protect

The Legal Bases of Humanitarian intervention by IOs

Legitimacy Crisis of WTO

Developing Countries and IOs

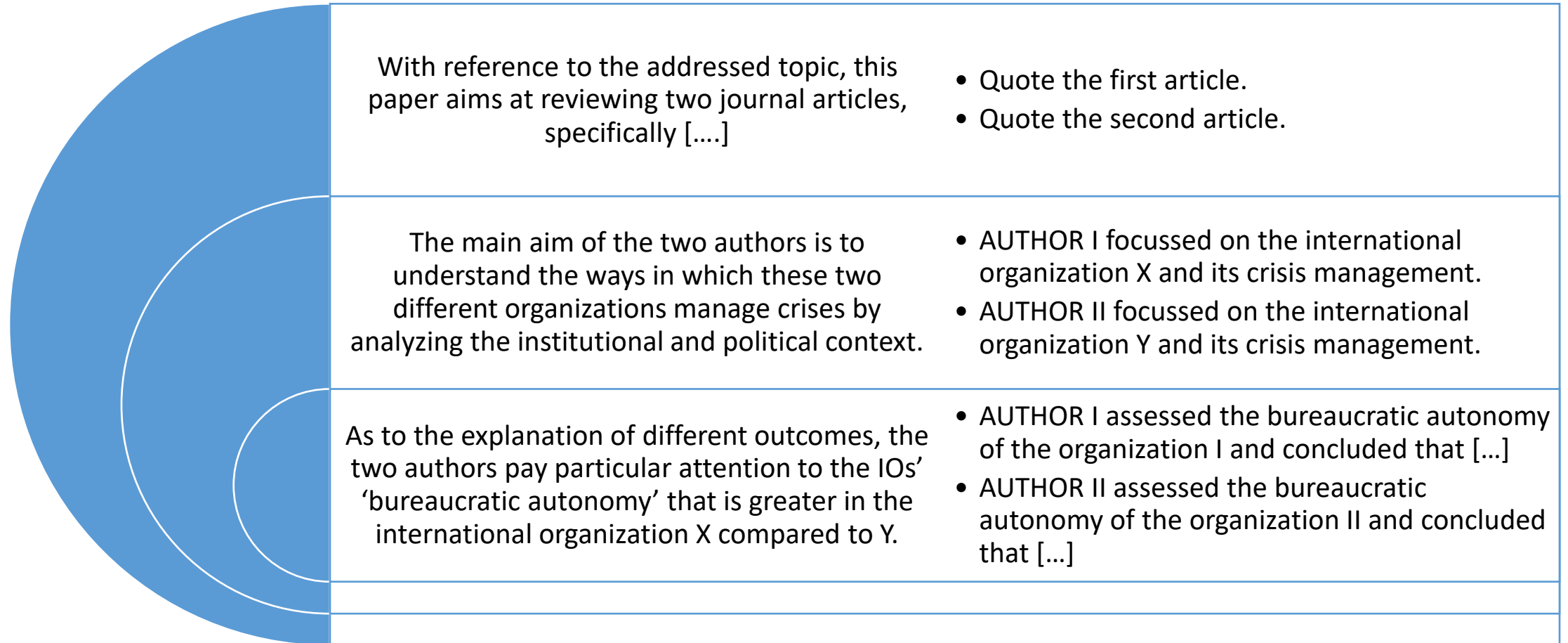
International Bureaucracies and their Influence on Policy

The EU Relations with other IOs

The EU and Climate Change Governance

Challenges faced by IOs in fulfilling their Responsibilities towards Refugees

A coherent structure of contents: an example



Things not to do



- ***Plagiarism***: every paper is scanned through anti-plagiarism softwares, only short quotations allowed, plagiarism will result in a FAIL grade.
- ***Forget to cite*** the selected articles in the text (with full reference given in footnote, or in a reference list at the end of the paper).
- ***Consider the selected articles just a point of departure***: they should be instead the focus of your paper.
- ***Expand the research beyond the selected articles***: you should write a review paper of two articles, NOT an extensive research paper.