## **Changes to the Examination of STV 4447**

I would like to change the examination part of the course STV 4447 by changing the policy brief from being a part of the examination to being an obligatory activity. This is following the general feedback that ISV courses tend to have too many A-F graded exams in each course and that one could check if it would not be better to have less A-F graded elements in one’s courses.

I still think the policy brief is an important part of the course and its learning outcomes that is why I want to keep it as a pass / fail obligatory exercise, but I agree that focusing the A-F grade on the term paper is a good way to reduce the examination pressure for students while keeping the learning experience of the policy brief.

New description of the course’s examination:

Obligatory activity:

Policy brief:

* Students prepare a policy brief in small groups. The paper is presented and discussed in the last lecture of the course.
* The policy brief must have a limit of 1000-1500 words.
* The policy brief and its presentation will be assessed together using a pass / fail scheme.
* Students have to pass the policy brief to be able to pass the term paper, and both have to be delivered in the same semester.

Examination:

The term paper:

* must be between 3500-5000 words
* must have a topic that reflects the course readings and curriculum but selected by the student
* have a topic cleared with the course’s main lecturer
* is prepared by writing an outline of the paper of 1000-1500 words which is presented in the seminars
* must meet the formal requirements for submission of written assignments
* The term paper will be graded on a scale from A to F.