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Assignment #4

The 25-page (approximately) final paper will be a research project of the highest quality: thoroughly researched, extremely well conceived and organized, and presented in a convincing manner. Please pay attention to the overall flow of the argument (e.g. via proper organization and in some cases, the use of sub-headings), and integrate graphics—such as plans, photographs, diagrams, or graphs—into the main text of the paper. The 25-page final paper constitutes 40% of the final grade, and must fulfill the following criteria:

- The purpose and argument of the research paper should be stated clearly.
- The contribution of the comparative analysis should be evident.
- The methodology must be explicit, sound, and appropriate to the analysis.
- The writing should be direct, clear, and communicate the author's ideas.

Students are encouraged to deconstruct the seminar readings as a way of learning techniques of conducting exemplary research and effective writing.