

MY IMPRESSIONS ABOUT THE POST-EARLI SEMINAR (ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING)

I must say that, at the beginning, I was not completely sure about what to expect from this seminar. I was excited about the idea of talking about AfL, but it was my first time joining the network, so I even have not met the professors or the other students before. While reading the papers of the fellow PhD students to prepare the seminar, I found it often difficult to link their projects and ideas with my own. However, after a deep reading of the text given to me to provide feedback, I felt that I could indeed make connections with the other studies.

During the seminar, the mere fact of hearing other people to talk about their own research and the group giving feedback was highly motivational, as well as challenging. Then, the feedback I received was extremely valuable. It confirmed that my study can be of interest for the academic and the professional communities and it provided interesting questions and ideas for deepening my own knowledge.

In general terms, the organization of the seminar was completely satisfying. I specially appreciated:

- The planning of the readings before the seminar, creating groups by themes and research perspectives. In my opinion, this allowed most enriching exchanges.
- The inclusion of moments of sharing, like the coffee breaks or the joint dinner. It is always a way to get to know better the others and to build links between the participants.
- The respect of the timing, helpful not only to follow the agenda but also (and mainly) to provide each PhD student the opportunity of expressing himself/herself and to hear what the others (students and professors) had to say about their works.

Finally, I would like to say that the seminar was also helpful to practise my English and, I hope, to improve my language skills. In my daily professional activity, I usually do not have the opportunity to do this (because the academic/research exchanges are in French almost all the time).

I would be pleased to continue participating in this kind of seminars during my remaining time as PhD student. Also, I expect to appropriate this "model" for, in the future, be able to organize myself this type of meetings, maybe in other contexts like my country.

Thanks again for inviting me and for the organization!

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