1. Please comment on the individual instructors with regard to effectiveness and attitude toward students:

Strengths

- Ran is very accessible and open to changes in the class content/structure.
- Ran's knowledge of history, economics, and economic history makes this class incredible. His carefully thought-out presentation of various papers, together with his synthesis of important descriptive historical trends, allowed me to absorb a tremendous amount of material in just ten weeks.
- It's no surprise that Ran has repeatedly won teaching awards - his attitude towards students is excellent!
- Professor Abramitzky is extremely encouraging, helpful, and engaging. He's constantly searching for ways to improve his class, and it really pays off. Terrific professor.

Suggestions for Improvement

- n/a

2. Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses, if any, of the textbook(s) and reading(s). What materials were most and least valuable? Why?

Strengths

- Great selection of topics.
- Readings were great - well chosen.
- Well organized, well prepared.

Suggestions for Improvement

- As was mentioned in the mid-quarter evaluations, maybe transferring a little more control to the student presenter over the allocation of time (and when would the randomly selected person would go) could improve the dynamic.
- n/a

3. Please comment on assignments and exams (difficulty, length, frequency, usefulness, and their success at testing conceptual understanding rather than recall):

Strengths

- Making the three slides for each reading assignment was tremendously helpful, as was preparing the final proposal.
- n/a

Suggestions for Improvement

- I personally would have preferred to hear Ran lecture more and skip the student presentations of other people's papers. We get enough practice presenting (at least, in the Poli Sci department), and of course the presented papers were precisely those that we'd read most carefully.
- n/a

4. Do you have any additional comments on the course over-all?

Strengths

- I really enjoyed this class, which additionally provided the right incentives to start working on my own research project.
- Great lectures, great material, great discussion.
Can't say enough about Prof. Abramitzky
Great class and Ran is a great teacher.

Suggestions for Improvement

- Perhaps it would be useful to have some sort of short, easy exam to make sure that students know the basic stylized facts of economic history (along the lines of those presented in the first lecture). I think that I would be more inclined to internalize these stylized facts if I had to repeat them.
- n/a
- the professor seems to be impatient when talking to students outside of classroom
- Sometimes the presentations on papers that everyone has read could get a bit boring. I do, however, think it is useful to have practice presenting a paper. One possible way of dealing with this is making the presentations a bit shorter and leaving more time for discussion.