Final Instructions

For the Final, you will write a 10 - 15 page, double-spaced paper.

From the course syllabus -

- Guidelines for papers:
  - Your name should appear on the first page of text in the upper right-hand corner.
  - Please limit each paper to no more than 15 double-spaced 8 ½ x 11 pages with standard margins for the Final.
  - Additional exhibits (beyond the assigned page limits) are welcome provided they are not simply an extension of your writing, and contain specific analyses or information that is relevant, yet too detailed, for the body of the paper.
  - Papers should be submitted on Sp23 Canvas site under Assignments no later than the due date. Assignments turned in the day of, but following the due date time will have their grade reduced by one full grade. Papers turned in following that day will be penalized an additional full grade for each subsequent day overdue.

- General criteria (in order of importance) for evaluation of the papers
  - Depth and quality of analysis, and demonstration of critical thinking,
  - References to and incorporation into your analysis of the course materials, text, readings and class discussions,
  - The applicability of the selected topic to this assignment,
  - The clarity and organization of the material, and the brevity and conciseness with which you are able to make your point.

Writing Prompt:

Advancing DAO Governance
Over the past quarter we have gone deep on the existing state of DAO governance, explaining the unique value that DAOs might provide across a number of domains, highlighting the core role that democratic governance plays in DAOs, exploring how DAOs are built from a technical perspective, and enumerating key legal and practical challenges.

The purpose of this final paper is to draw upon your individual expertise and the lessons learned throughout the course to propose a unique and specific exploration of DAO governance. This could involve suggesting an innovative governance mechanism (e.g., a new method for voting, a unique institutional design, etc.) or other creative concepts. Remember, the course has extensively examined the ongoing legal, governance, and technical research and experimentation within DAOs. Legal experiments we've looked at included different legal entity forms for DAOs, such as "DAO Model Law," which serves as a uniform rule model for national legislators. In governance, we've delved into concepts like liquid democracy, quadratic voting, and SubDAOs. We've also delved into technical experiments such as integrating ZK proofs into DAO voting to bolster voting privacy. We encourage you to draw on these examples, but also to extend beyond them. The goal is to conceive and develop a unique research or experimental proposal that, informed by your own interests and expertise, can contribute to advancing DAO governance in novel ways.

**Assignment:**

Your task is to write a 10-15 page paper in which you outline a hypothetical research study or experiment that you could conduct in your chosen domain that is relevant to DAOs.

**Your paper should:**

- Clearly articulate the research question or hypothesis that you would like to investigate. This should be directly related to DAOs and provide valuable insights into their design, operation, or implications.
- Explain why your chosen domain is relevant to DAOs and how it can contribute to our understanding and development of DAOs.
- Detail the methodology you would employ to conduct your research or experiment, including any specific techniques, tools, or datasets you would use.
Discuss the potential implications of your research or experiment. How could it contribute to the DAO space? How might it influence the future evolution of DAOs?

Remember, this is an opportunity for you to leverage your unique expertise or interests to contribute to the nascent field of DAOs. We encourage you to think creatively and critically. Given the novel nature of DAOs, every insight, every piece of research, and every experiment can play a significant role in shaping the future of these organizations.