

Dear students,

please read the paper: .....

and use the following method of reading:

**INSERT** (Vaughn & Estes, 1986), which stands for Interactive Notating System for Effective Reading and Thinking. It asks readers to make specific notations in the text as they read:

- ✓ when encountering something they already know;
- when reading something that contradicts what they already know;
- + when reading new information; and
- ? if they are unsure or want to know more.

(Adapted from <http://www.rwctic.org/The-Reading-and-Writing-for-Critical-Thinking-Project-2.pdf>)

So please, **use these signs and write them to/beside the text** while reading.

Above that, please **fill in the table** below, i.e. write down two quotations for each of the signs and write a note about why you've chosen the quotation – what interests you about it, what you don't agree with, your counter-argument etc.

sign	quotation	comment – note – argument, why the quotation is interesting for me
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**For example:**

sign	quotation	comment – note – argument why the quotation is interesting for me
–	“EE has chosen sustainable development as its central concept.” (p.15)	But I've read several articles where the concept of sustainable development is strongly criticized from the positions of ecological economics. Was it just a marginal stream of thinking? Or is this argumentation not considered here?
?	“The dynamics of ecosystems has given rise to a question about the stability and resilience of ecosystems. EE devotes much attention to this issue.” (p.19)	What exactly means “resilience”? How it can be measured or assessed? Does it really apply not only to ecosystems but also to social systems?

Please **upload the filled-in table** to the online system before the class, and **bring both the original paper and the printed table with you to the class.**

**Resources:**

1. ....
2. For more info about the methods of Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (RWCT) see <http://www.rwctic.org/home/viewpage/id/9>