

Title of lecture: PT IB Paper 9: Introduction to Ethnomusicology

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I would like to thank the participants of this paper for providing very useful feedback. Overall, I am delighted that the students responded so positively to the paper's materials, content, structure and delivery. I was pleased with the students' enthusiasm and critical engagement throughout the duration of the course. It has been a pleasure to teach them.

There were a few specific comments and suggestions that I would like to address in this response. There were a number of suggestions for diversifying the course content, particularly in terms of topics such as gender/LGBT identities. While this is not my area of specialism, I think it is an excellent idea and something that I hope to be able to include in future iterations of the course. A related issue was case studies and the need to diversify case studies and contextualise them a little more closely in the lectures. Last year, I was actually encouraged to focus on less case studies and so I decided to bring in more examples from my own research. In a course of this nature, it is difficult to strike a balance in terms of case studies and this is something I always keep in mind when planning courses. But it is useful to know that some students felt the case studies could have been more closely related to the topic themes and this is something I will revisit.

I would also like to respond to issues related to the supervisions. As the supervisions were mostly taken on by Rashel, I cannot comment on their structure. Overall it seems that they were successful, but some students would have like closer links with the lectures and to move beyond case studies. It is always difficult to supervise someone else's course when you have not yourself written the materials, so there will inevitably be a bit of disconnect between supervisions and lectures. As for workload for the supervisions, it seems that some students wanted more practice essays. This is something I will definitely keep in mind for future courses.

Once again, I am glad that the students enjoyed the course and I hope that it will inform their studies in the future.