

# Teaching Analysis Poll (TAP) in SQUARE

Insights into the Midterm Evaluation of  
Spring Semester 2022

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# The TAP Team (Spring Semester 2022)



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First sketch of SQUARE by Sou Fujimoto (SQUARE, 2022)

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(Siegel & Huber, 2022)



# I. What is the SQUARE?

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# What's SQUARE?



First sketch of SQUARE by Sou Fujimoto (SQUARE, 2022)

Organisation	Art der Organisation	Kernfunktionalität	Analysefokus
Hilti Innovation Center	Unternehmen	Research & Development / Innovation Center	(Entwicklungs-)Prozess
Bühler Innovations-campus	Unternehmen	Weiterentwicklung der Unternehmenskultur (Kollaboration, Kommunikation)	Regional vs. International
WU Wien, Learning Center	Öffentliche Wirtschaftsuniversität	Bibliotheksgebäude, architektonisches Markenzeichen	Leuchtturm-Effekt, (Entwicklungs-) Prozess
Minerva Plaza - Universität Helsinki	Öffentliche Volluniversität	Learning center einer Universität	HEI Kontext, erforschte Raumkonzepte
New School - Universität in New York	Öffentliche Volluniversität	Campus einer Universität	Multi-funktionalität des Gebäudes
Kaospilots Switzerland	Private Business School	Alternative school for leader- & entrepreneurship	Alternative Lernformen, persönliche Begegnung, Eigenverantwortliches Studieren
Impact Hub Zürich	Unternehmen	Co-Working space	Kollaboratives Lernen, unternehmerisches Denken
The NeueHouse - New York	Unternehmen	Alternative working space	Kollaboratives Lernen

Tabelle 3. Übersicht der Referenzbeispiele, die im Rahmen von Vor-Ort-Besuchen analysiert wurden.

‘Over the last two decades, many universities have invested in eye-catching architecture aimed at attracting investors and business, as a way of transforming their institutions into marketing-driven ‘brands’. Students now became ‘customers’, and providing a positive satisfying customer experience is a paramount preoccupation for university managers and a key instruction for architectural briefs’  
(Neary, 2015)

# What's SQUARE?



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# SQUARE – Your Impressions!?



# Different Learning Zones



train station &  
market place



cloisters &  
atrium

workshops &  
garages



holodeck



(Arbeitsgruppe  
Learning Center, 2017;  
Dilger, 2020)

# 3 Levels of Learning Opportunities



## ***1. Curriculum level***

→ enriched learning experience within the study programs

## ***2. Extra-Curriculum level***

→ new learning opportunities for all student generations (from bachelor, master and continuous education)

## ***3. Informal learning***

→ creation of an academic ecosystem

(Arbeitsgruppe Learning Center, 2017; Dilger, 2020)



# For Further Inspiration: Explore the SQUARE on Your own

The screenshot shows the official website for the HSG Learning Center. At the top, there's a green banner with the text "JOHANN PFERD". Below it, the title "SQUARE (HSG Learning Center)" is prominently displayed. A subtext "WE ARE DELIVERING THE FUTURE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING" follows. The main content area features a large image of the modern, glass-enclosed learning center building. Below the image, there's a section titled "News" with three items:

- 1 August 2022: "SQUARE - up to date" (with a link to the full article)
- 10 November 2021: "New name! SQUARE" (with a link to the full article)
- 26 October 2021: "Construction phase complete" (with a link to the full article)

<https://www.hsg-stiftung.ch/en/projekte/hsg-learning-center-2-2/>

This is a screenshot of the Instagram profile for "square\_hsg". The bio reads: "Creating enhanced serendipity and shaping the future of learning. (Wirtschaftsuniversität St.Gallen) Check our public and free program and visit us: [hsgsquare.ch](http://hsgsquare.ch)". Below the bio are several circular icons for search, likes, news, info, opening, and quit. The main feed shows several posts: one for "PRIDE MONTH 2022" featuring a rainbow flag; another for "28.-29. SEP" featuring a man in a blue shirt; and another for "26.-27. SEP" featuring a woman in a white dress. There are also other posts showing architectural drawings and interior views of the building.

<https://www.instagram.com/hsgsquare/>

This is a screenshot of the "SQUARE Handbook for the HSG Faculty" document. It features the University of St. Gallen logo at the top. The title "SQUARE Handbook for the HSG Faculty" is centered, followed by the subtitle "Guide for curricular formats". To the right is a photograph of people walking on a modern staircase. Below the title, there's a section titled "From insights to impact".

(Born & Bauer, 2022)

## II. Teaching Analysis Poll

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# Teaching Analysis Poll (TAP)



# Why Teaching Analysis Polls: Some Advantages (Hawelka, 2019)

- Can reveal potentials for improvement and for change
- Can give students a voice and make them heard
- Can support self-reflection of instructors
- Can enhance the relationship between instructors and students
- ...

■ What helps you most in learning? (In Course /  
SQUARE)



■ What most impedes your learning? (In Course /  
SQUARE)



■ What suggestions do you have for further  
improvements?

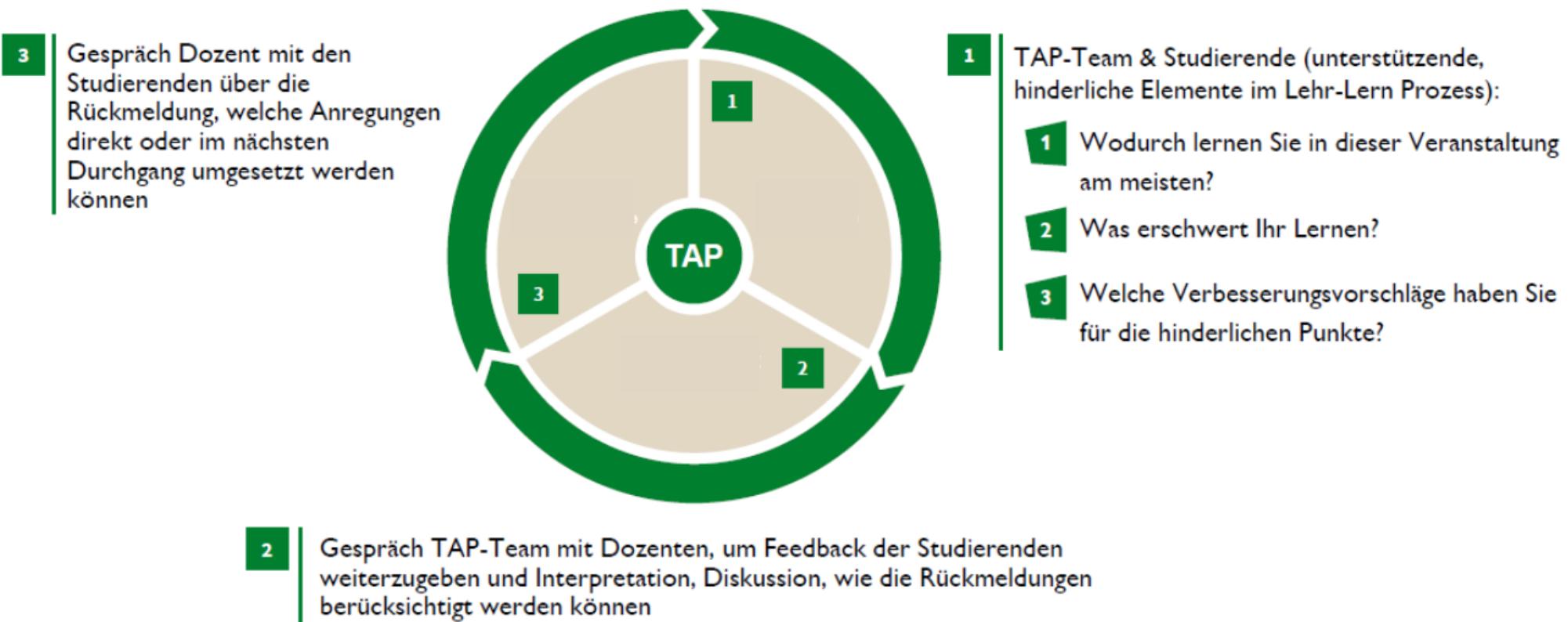


TAP Questions

# Teaching Analysis Polls (TAP) – qualitativ, formativ

TAP-Team: Mitarbeitende Qualitätsentwicklung und Hochschuldidaktisches Zentrums

Zur Mitte des Semesters / Kurses



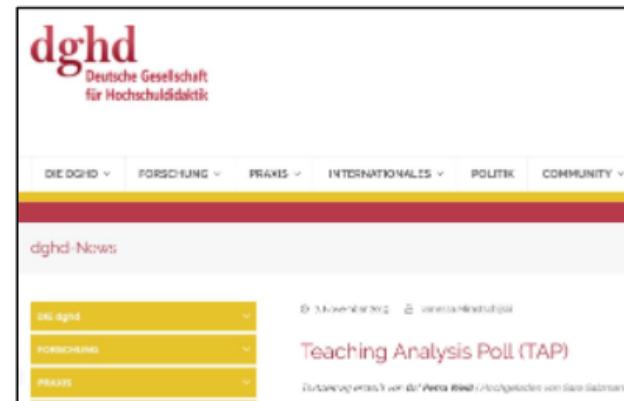
(IWP, 2022)

# What do you think of TAPs?



# Teaching Analysis Poll (TAP): For Further Inspiration

- German Association for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education  
<https://www.dghd.de/news/teaching-analysis-poll-tap/> (Overview over the German landscape)



- Teaching Analysis Poll @HSG
- Coding Manual for Teaching Analysis Polls  
by Brigit Hawelka (2019)



# III. Study: Teaching Analysis Polls in the SQUARE

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# Research Questions

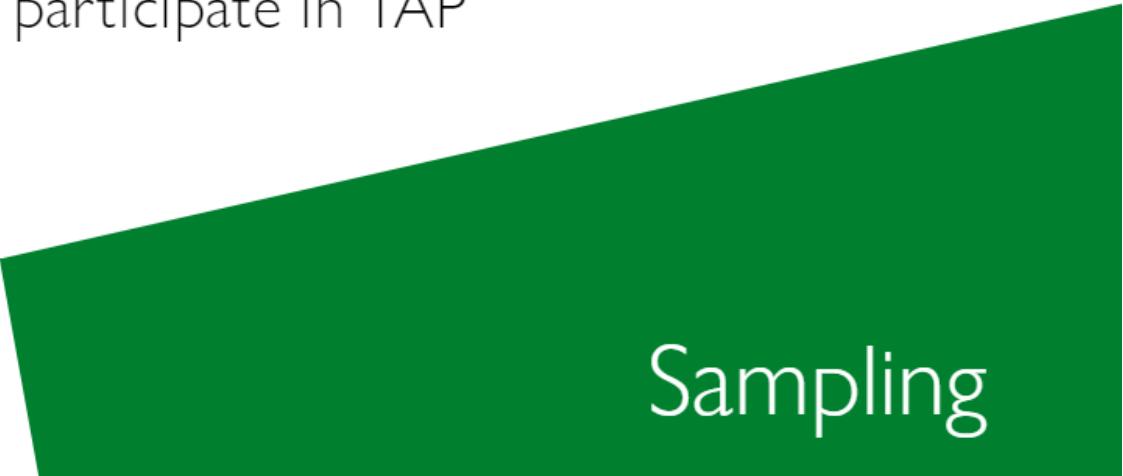


**RQ1:** From the students perspective – What are the supportive and impeding factors in their learning experience @SQUARE (Spring Semester 2022)?

**RQ2:** What potential does TAP data have for improving the learning experience @SQUARE?

# Methods

- Lecturers had to apply to conduct a course in SQUARE (self-selection)
- Successful applicants were chosen by AG Lehre (criteria-based selection)
- Courses invited: Full semester courses taking place in SQUARE (data provided by SQUARE team)
- Voluntarily registration by lecturer to participate in TAP (self-selection)



Sampling

- 15 SQUARE courses conducted TAPs
  - 18 lecturers volunteered
  - 272 students participated
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- 1 Assessment course
  - 4 Bachelor courses
  - 10 Master courses

# Research Design

## Data Collection

- Teaching Analysis Polls (Hawelka & Hiltmann 2018)
- Focus groups (Morgan, 2009) between members of the TAP Team and the students of a specific course
- Students documented their feedback via the web
- platform [Padlet](#)



## Data Analysis

- Qualitative content analysis (Kuckartz, 2018) using the coding manual by Hawelka & Hiltmann (2018) and Hawelka (2019)



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# Teaching Analysis Poll (TAP) in the SQUARE

Mid-Semester Feedback

1. What helps you most  
in learning?

**Overall**

5 0

17

 Anonym 1Mt.  
Engaging lecturer Anonym 1Mt.  
absolute relevant topic! Anonym 1Mt.  
Interactive discussions Anonym 1Mt.  
Great lecturer Anonym 1Mt.  
Lecturer enthusiasm Anonym 1Mt.  
Yves is really engaged in his  
teachings with a strong desire to

2. What most impedes  
your learning?

**Overall**

0 0

9

 Anonym 1Mt.  
hybrid mode Anonym 1Mt.  
Very few - close to none. Anonym 1Mt.  
Internet problems Anonym 1Mt.  
Internet connection Anonym 1Mt.  
Hybrid learning environment Anonym 1Mt.  
maybe the lecturer could provide a  
bit more theory inputs at the

3. What suggestions do  
you have for  
improvements?



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**Overall**

0 0

4

 Anonym 1Mt.  
No specific recommendation. Anonym 1Mt.  
Water dispenser Anonym 1Mt.  
Room number have to be posted  
online Anonym 1Mt.  
Room number should be accessible  
more easily

Kommentar hinzufügen



# Coding System (Hawelka, 2019)

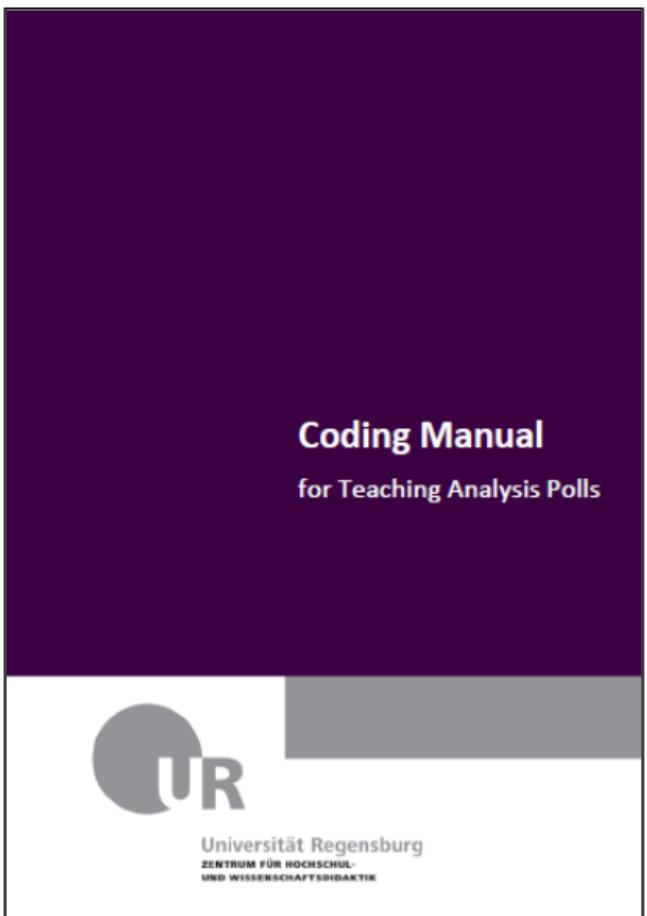


Table 1 Categories and subcategories

Category	Subcategory
1 Interaction	1.1 Presentation 1.2 Student involvement 1.3 Classroom management
2 Task understanding	---
3 Motivational regulation	3.1 Autonomy 3.2 Perceived competence 3.3 Relatedness 3.4 Lecturer's interest and commitment 3.5 Interestingness and relevance
4 Cognitive learning strategies	4.1 Rehearsal 4.2 Organization 4.3 Elaboration 4.4 Critical thinking
5 Regulation of learning	5.1 Planning and structure 5.2 Monitoring learning progress 5.3 Adaptive teaching
6 Resources	6.1 Consultation 6.2 Learning and reading materials
7 Overall rating	---
8 General framework	---

# Results

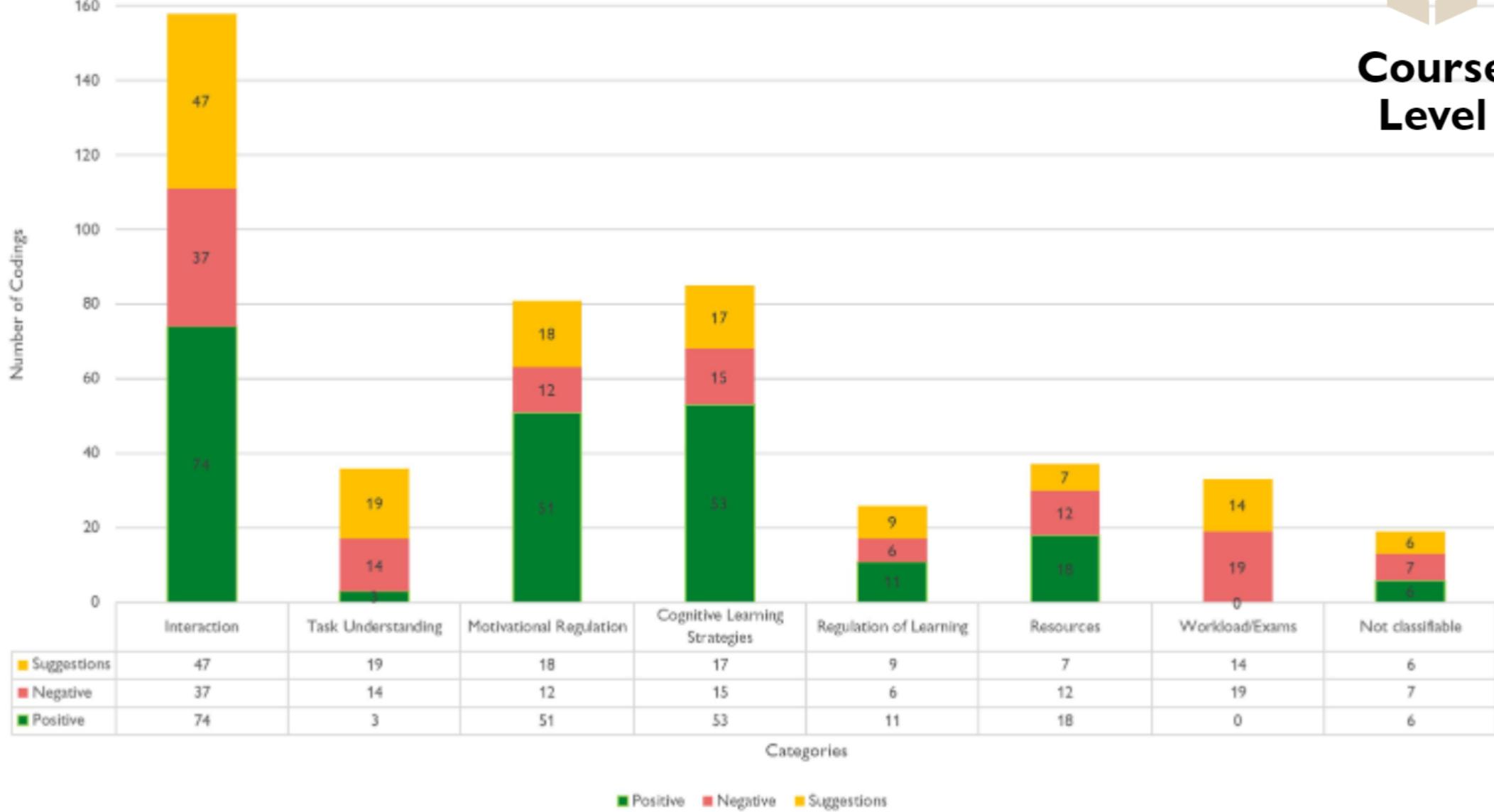
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# Distribution of Codings: Positive, Negative Aspects and Suggestions for Improvement (Course Level)

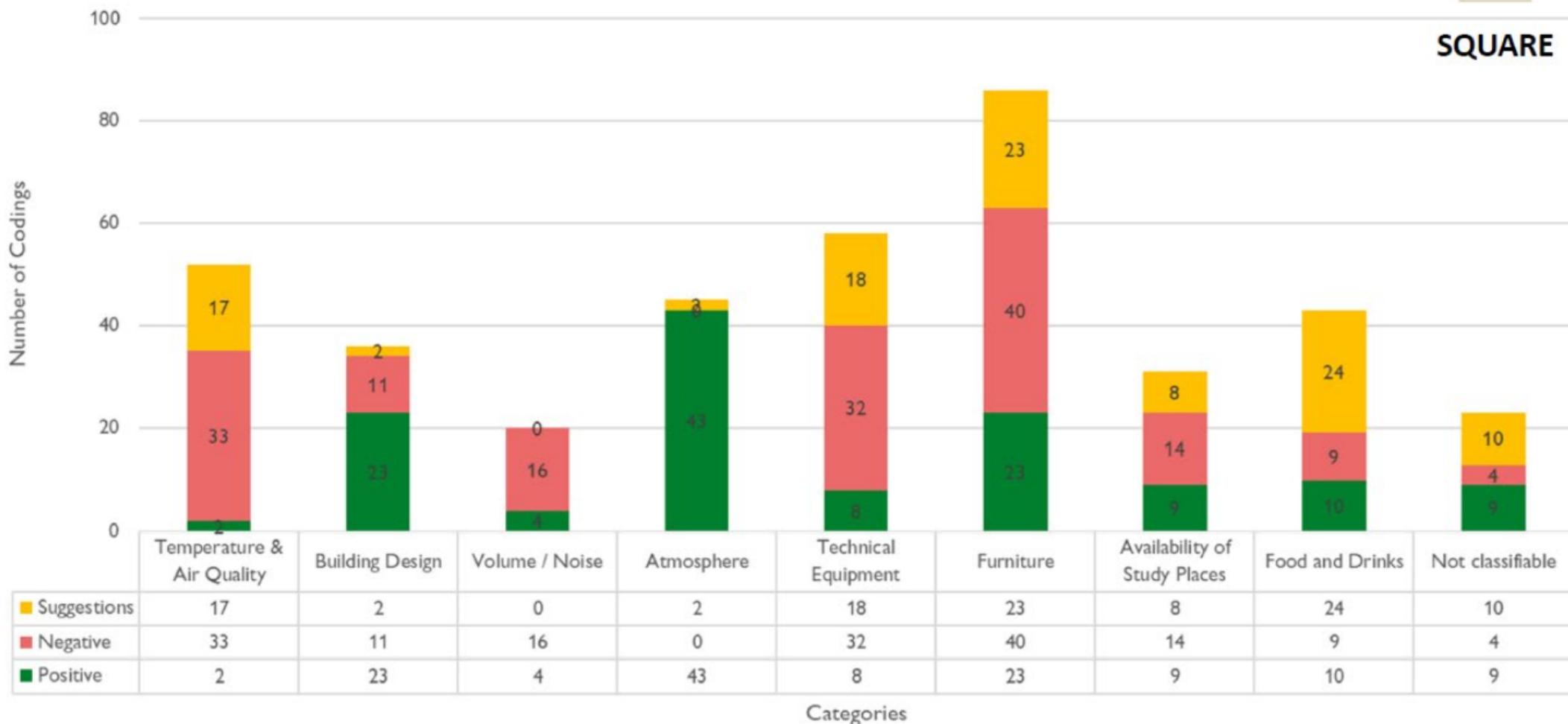


**Course  
Level**

Number of Codings



## Distribution of Codings: Positive, Negative Aspects and Suggestions for Improvement (SQUARE)



**Fig. 2**

## RQ1: Impressions: Positive Aspects



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Open Source Project

- “Empowering, positive learning environment”
- “Variety in the rooms and locations in the Square”
- “Invites open exchange”

## RQ1: Impressions: Negative Aspects



Created for presentation  
Open Access Project

- “Stuffy air and heat”
- “Distractions from outside the class (weird noises, and dancing people)”
- “Danger of students feeling like in a zoo”
- “Right now, we’re far from plug and play regarding the technology”

# Discussion

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# Discussion of the Key Findings

- Codes for SQuARE were overwhelmingly infrastructure-related (e.g., furniture) and affected learning
- Once SQuARE's infrastructure issues “Kinderkrankheiten” are addressed, students can focus (even) more on the proximal characteristics of the course and their learning

# Discussion: Limitations | Strengths | Future Research

## **Limitations**

- Small, and selective sample of courses, lecturers, and students
- Coding scheme had to be adapted
- Self-report

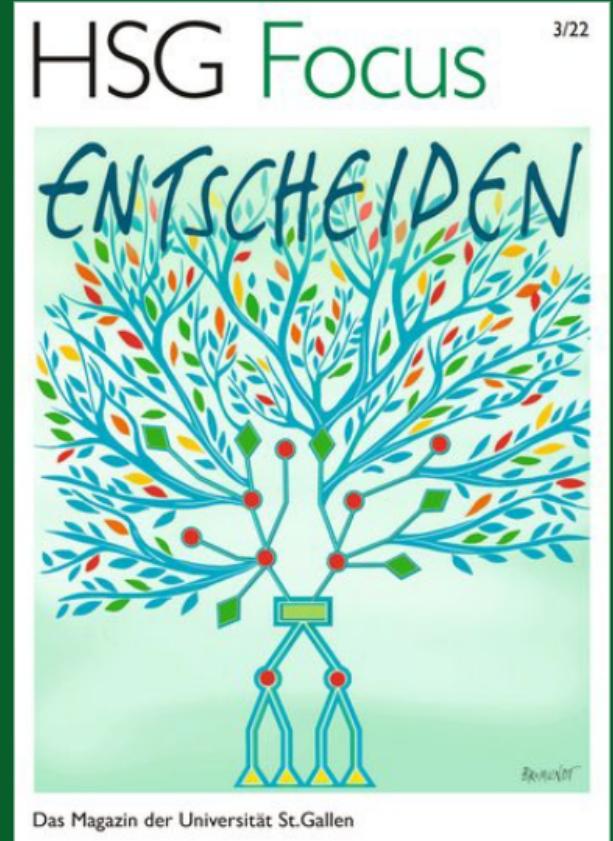
## **Strengths**

- TAPs and research co-conducted by QD & IWP
- Participatory feedback method

## **Future Research**

- Differences between courses in SQUARE vs. rest of the campus / „new teaching and learning“ vs. „traditional“ teaching and learning
- Instructors's Perspective

# TAP Takes Time, but it's Worth It



<https://www.hsgfocus.ch/hsg-focus-3-2022-entscheidungen/artikel/wie-hsg-studierende-die-ersten-kurse-im-square-erlebt-haben>

Questions?

Feedback?

Comments?



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