

## **Advanced Soil Ecology 7270**

### **Assignment for Original Paper Discussions 2020**

To be done for each original paper assigned for reading. To be handed in at end of class session. Looking at maximum three pages typed for each paper, can be a bit more but not too much. Need concise, to the point, and informative writing, no fluffy stuff.

1. What are the hypothesis/objectives of the study? Was the hypothesis/objectives justified based on the Introduction? Did the authors convince you there was need to answer the hypothesis/objectives?
2. Were the methods and analyses (including statistics) appropriate to reach conclusions about the hypothesis/objectives?
3. What are the original or new contributions of the study to our understanding/the literature?
4. What did you learn most from this paper?
5. What suggestions to you have that would have improved the objective, design, analyses and/or discussion of the paper?