

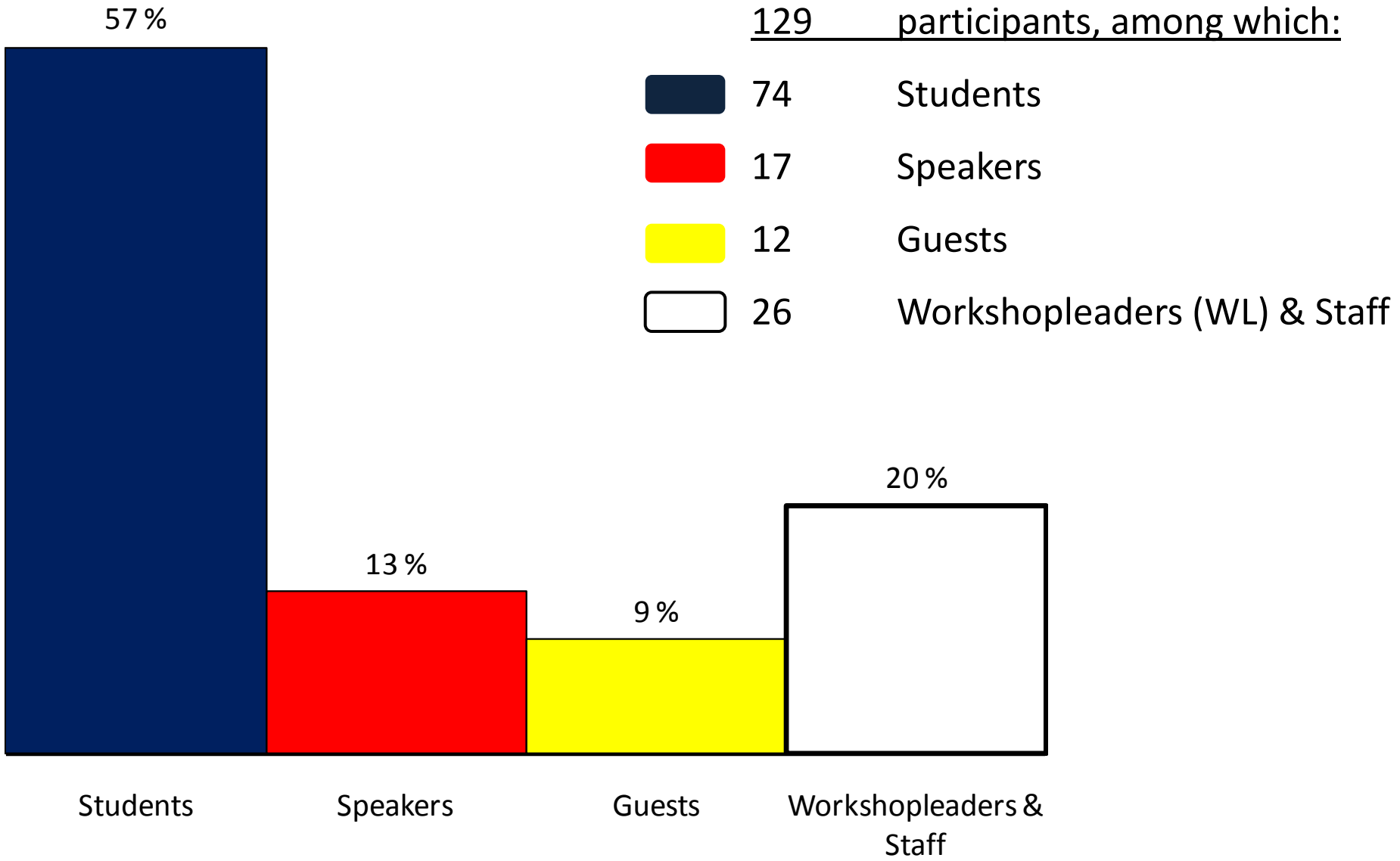
Feedback Cortona-India 2010

(data collected at Cortona-India, Hyderabad)



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(data from 16. November 2010)

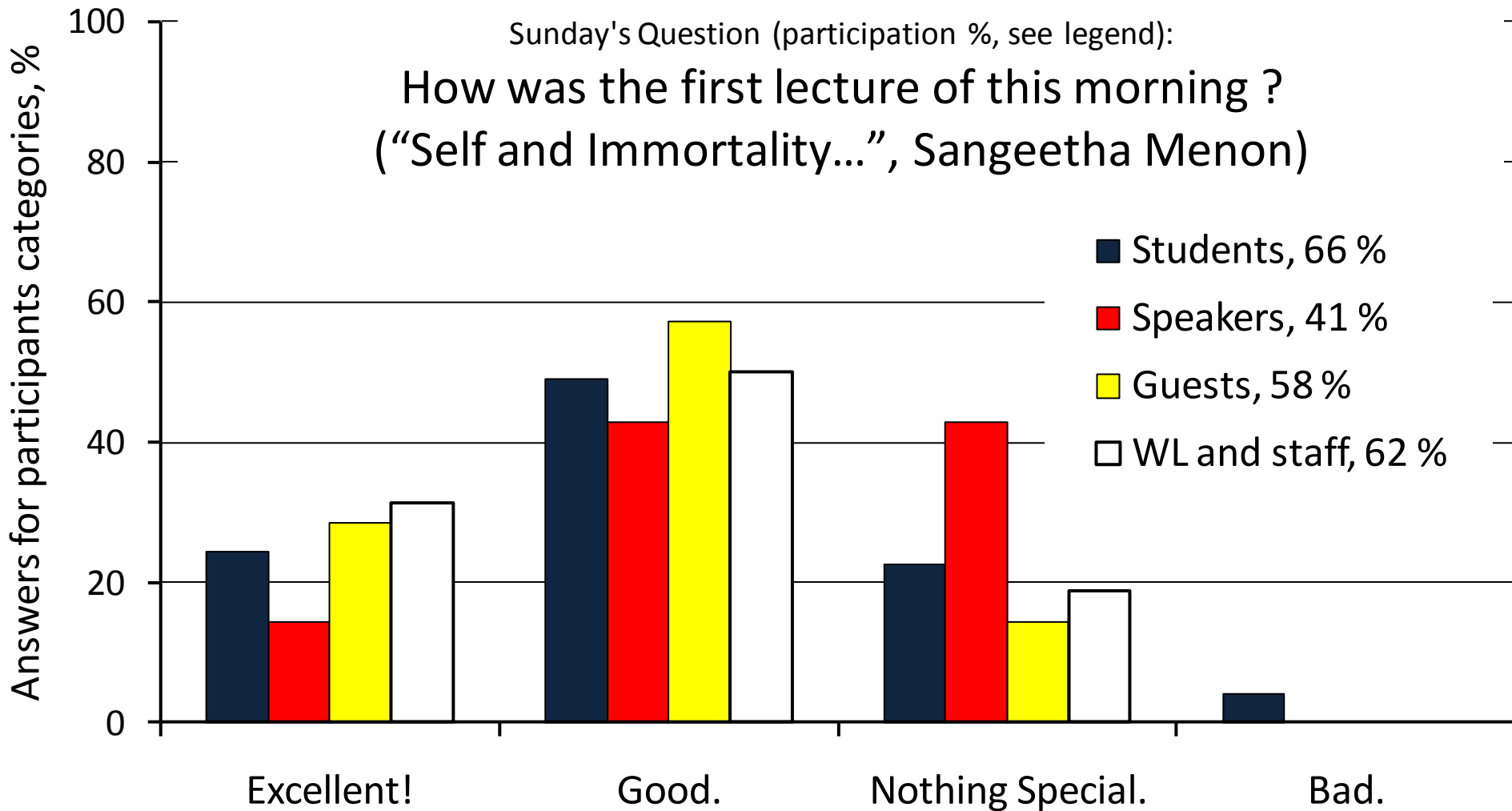
Sunday

21st of November 2010

“The day of the Upanishads”

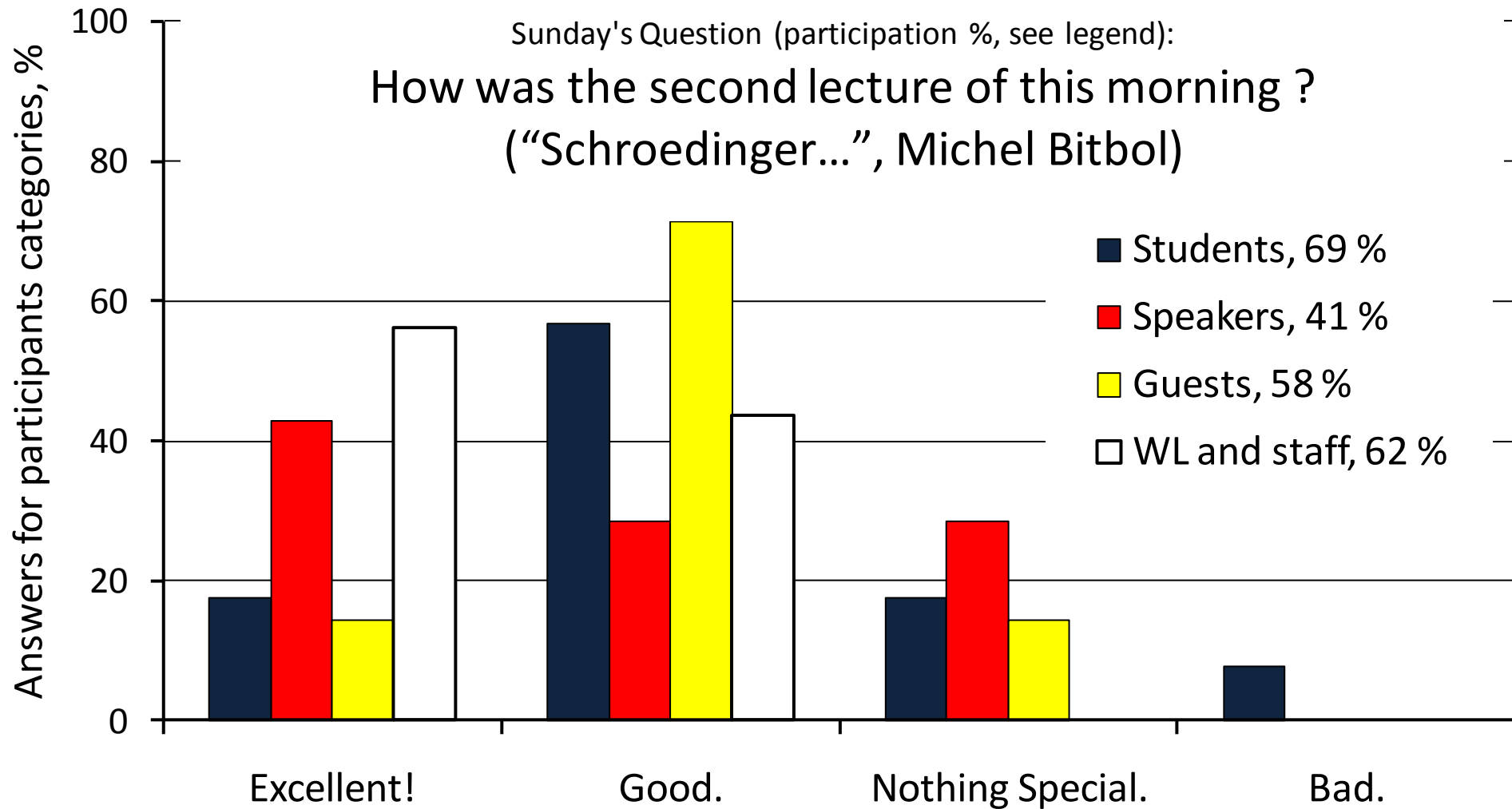
- ✓ Lectures of the day
- ✓ Personal statements

Sunday's Question (participation %, see legend):
How was the first lecture of this morning ?
("Self and Immortality...", Sangeetha Menon)



Example:

24 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 66 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

18 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 69 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.

Personal statements

Student

Michel: I didn't get your point. Try to follow on one message you want to convey.

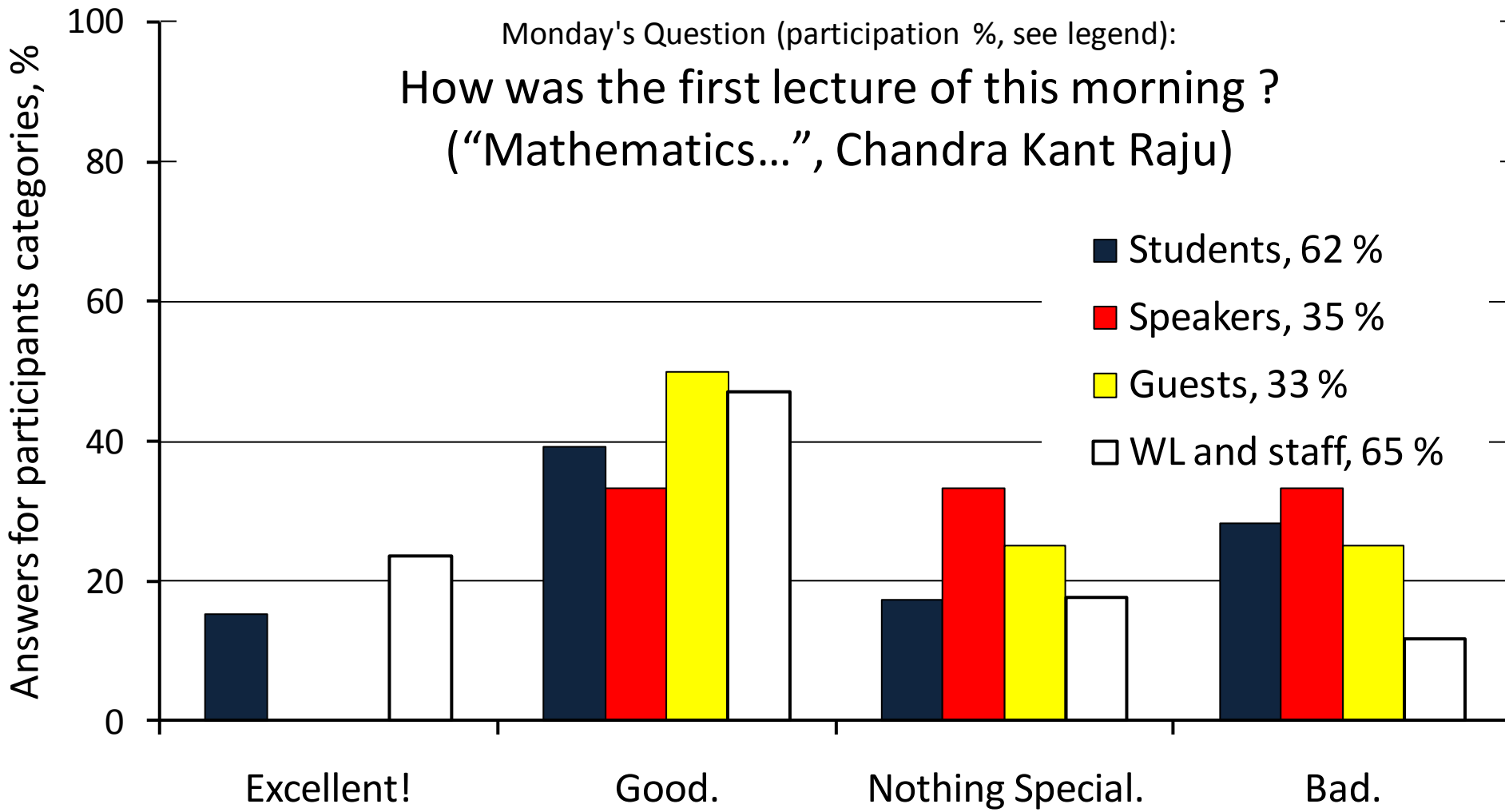
Student

Most of lectures are related to Arts, & some of lectures, we didn't able to get relation to spirituality. As Biology Students founding difficulty in understanding.

Monday 22nd of November 2010

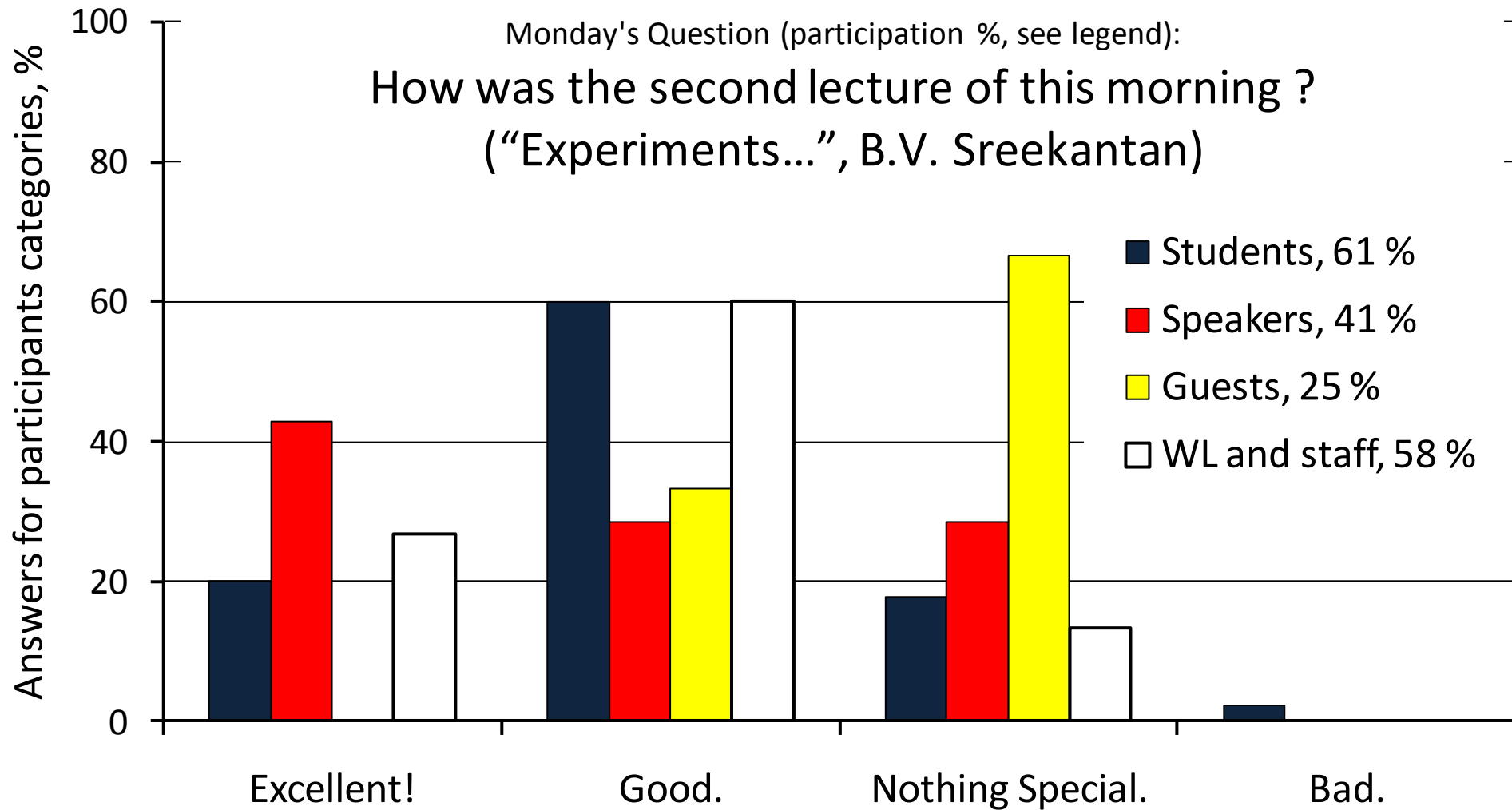
“The day of Indian numbers”

- ✓ Lectures of the day
- ✓ Personal statements



Example:

15 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 62 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

20 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 61 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.

Personal statements

Guest

2nd lecture: Nothing Special but I enjoyed the manner of presentation.

Student

Sreekanatn: Good overview, but I think only the things have been understandable once already known.

Kant Raju: Interesting topic and thoughts; some mixture of *trivial** things and unclear statements.

* I could not read the writing

Student

The organizers should give the topic for discussion for the breakout groups and should have representative to present the summarized discussion to everyone.

Student

Too many concepts being explained within too little time. Tough to grasp. I would have preferred a single concept in more detail.

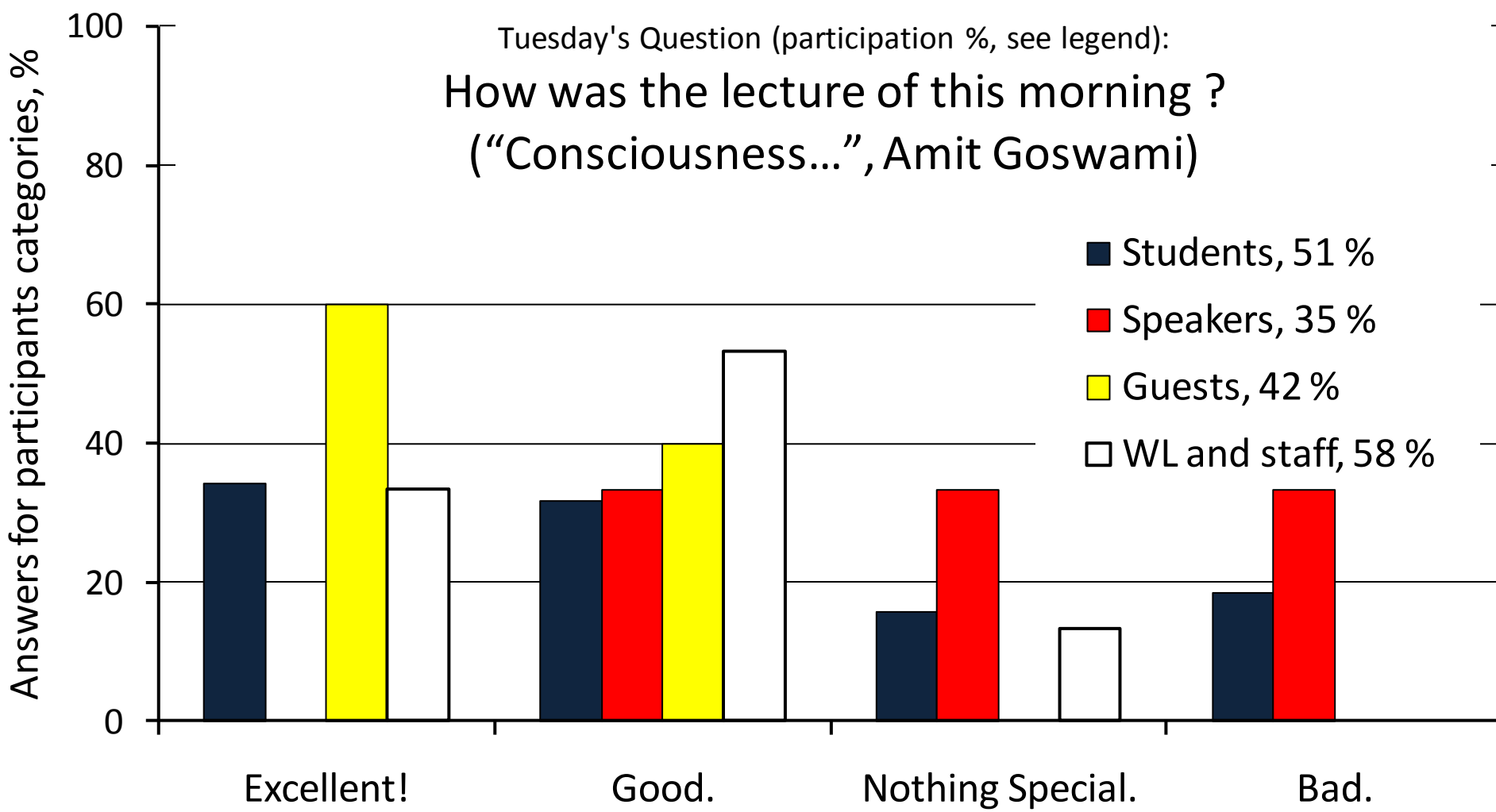
Tuesday

23rd of November 2010

“The day of consciousness”

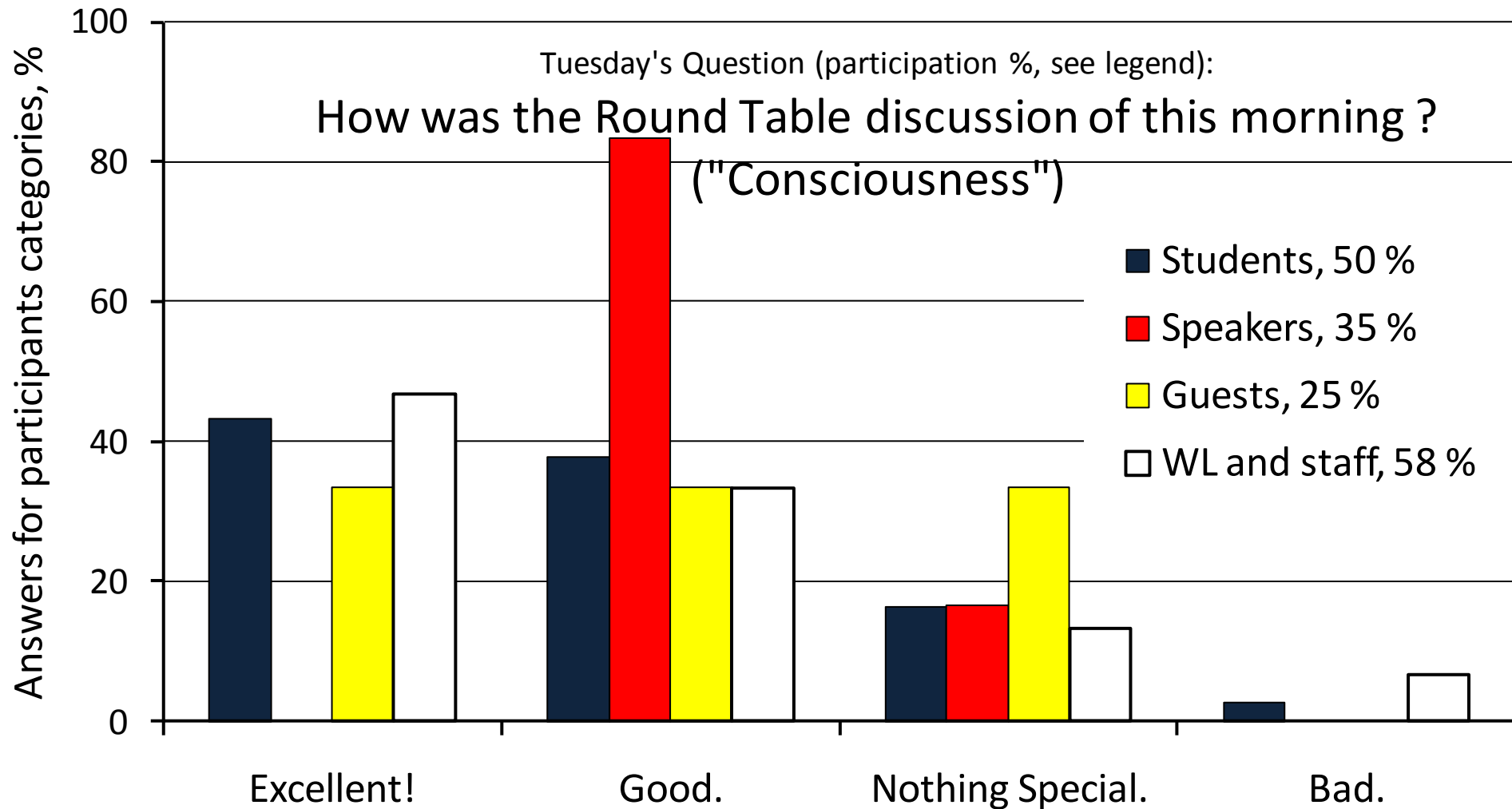
- ✓ Lecture of the day
- ✓ Round Table of the day
- ✓ Morning Activities
- ✓ Personal statements

Tuesday's Question (participation %, see legend):
How was the lecture of this morning ?
 ("Consciousness...", Amit Goswami)



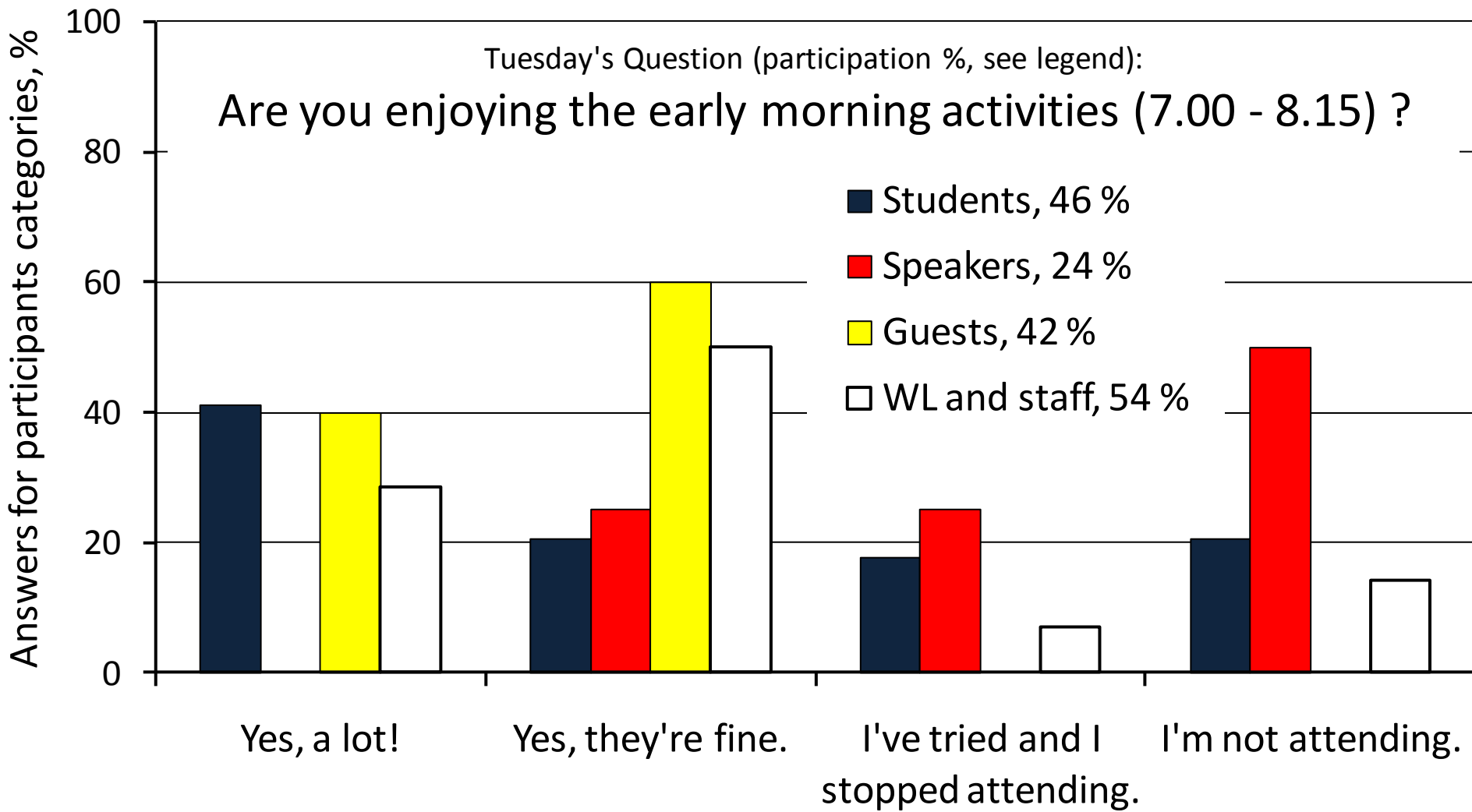
Example:

34 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 51 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

43 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 50 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

41 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 46 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Yes, a lot!“.

Personal statements

Student

The meditation one uses an approach that is very problematic. Tai Chi on the other hand is simply wonderful!

WL & Staff

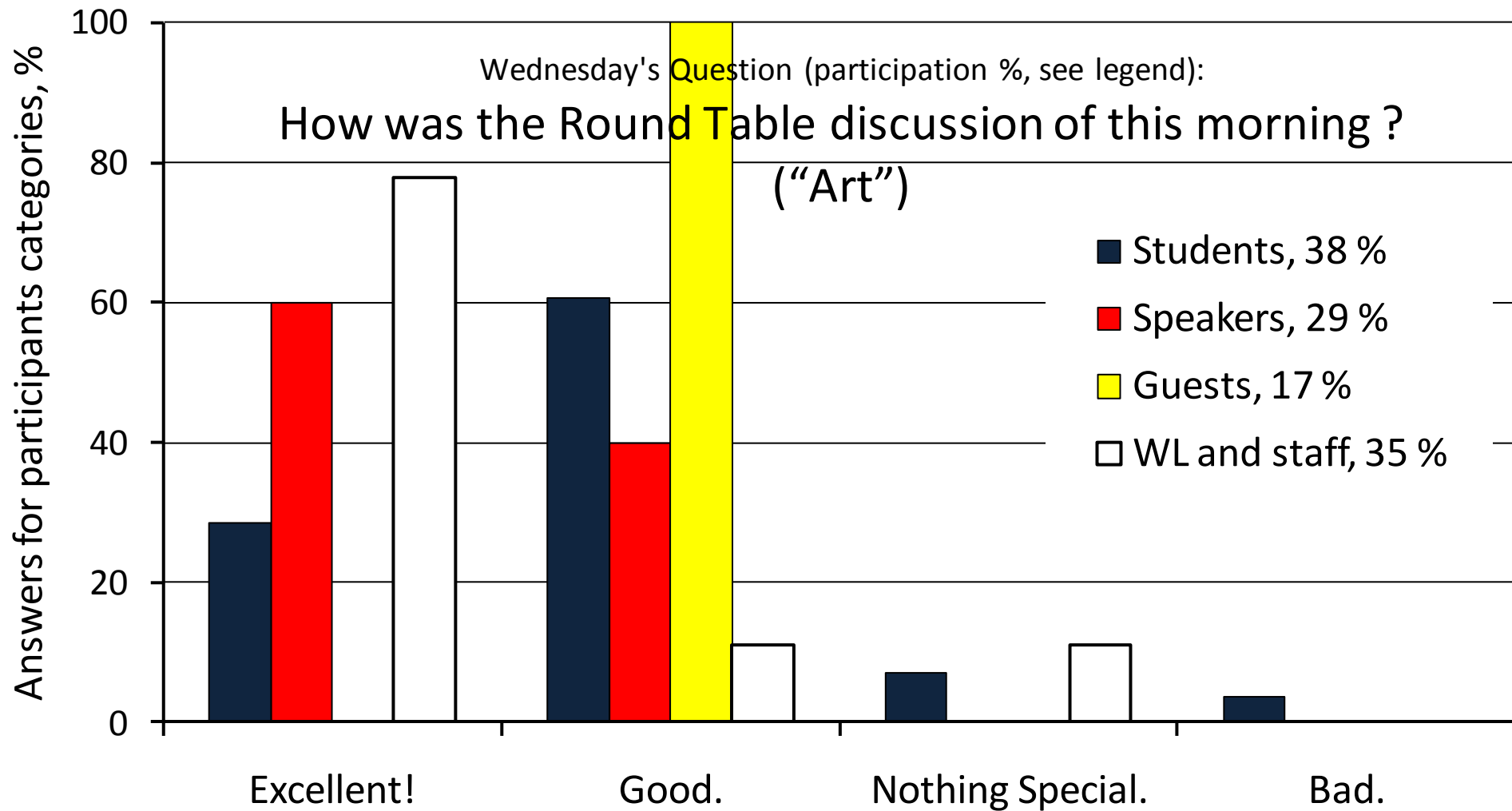
Guided meditation for me works only if the teacher spends only few words in explaining things. In my feeling, Power Point presentation does not match as teaching tool for meditation. Therefore I was not able to be open event to try the meditation workshop once.

Wednesday 24th of November 2010

“The day of art”

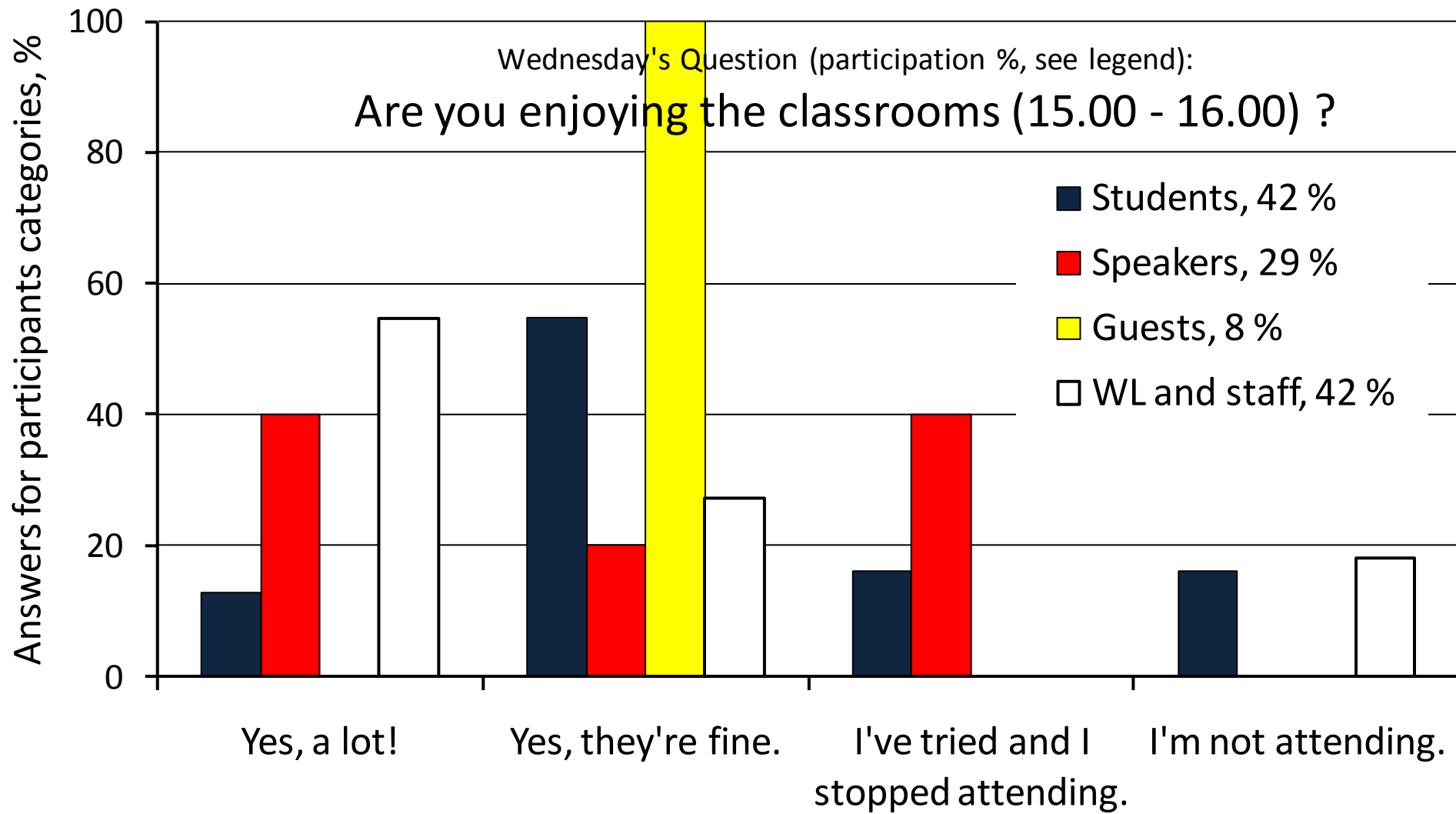
- ✓ Round Table of the day
- ✓ Classrooms
- ✓ Ateliers
- ✓ Personal statements

(Note: scarce participation due to excursion)



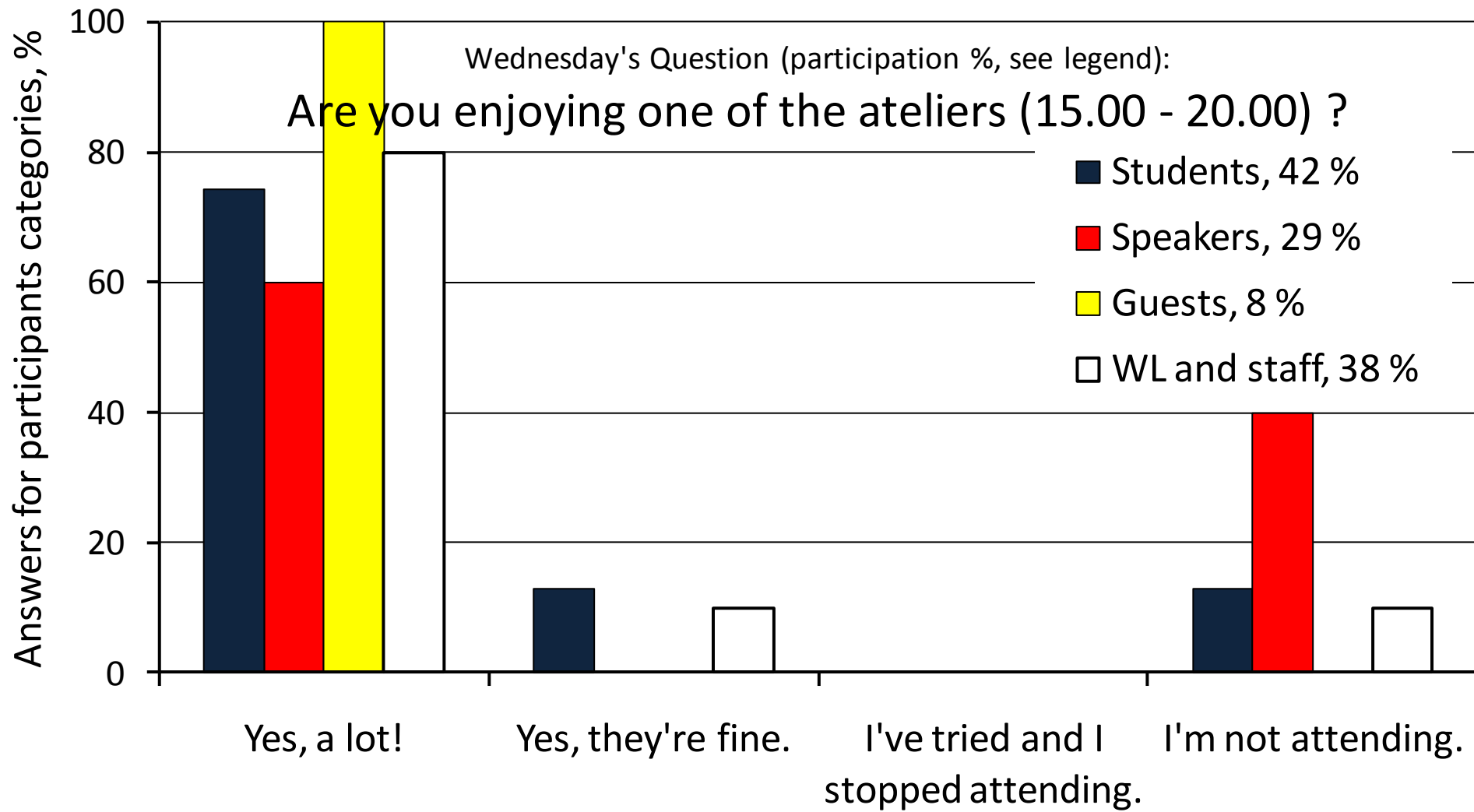
Example:

29 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 38% of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

13 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 42 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Yes, a lot!“.



Example:

74 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 42 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Yes, a lot!“.

Personal statements

Student

Meditation lady talks strange stuff, her instructions make me question her (sanity).

Speaker

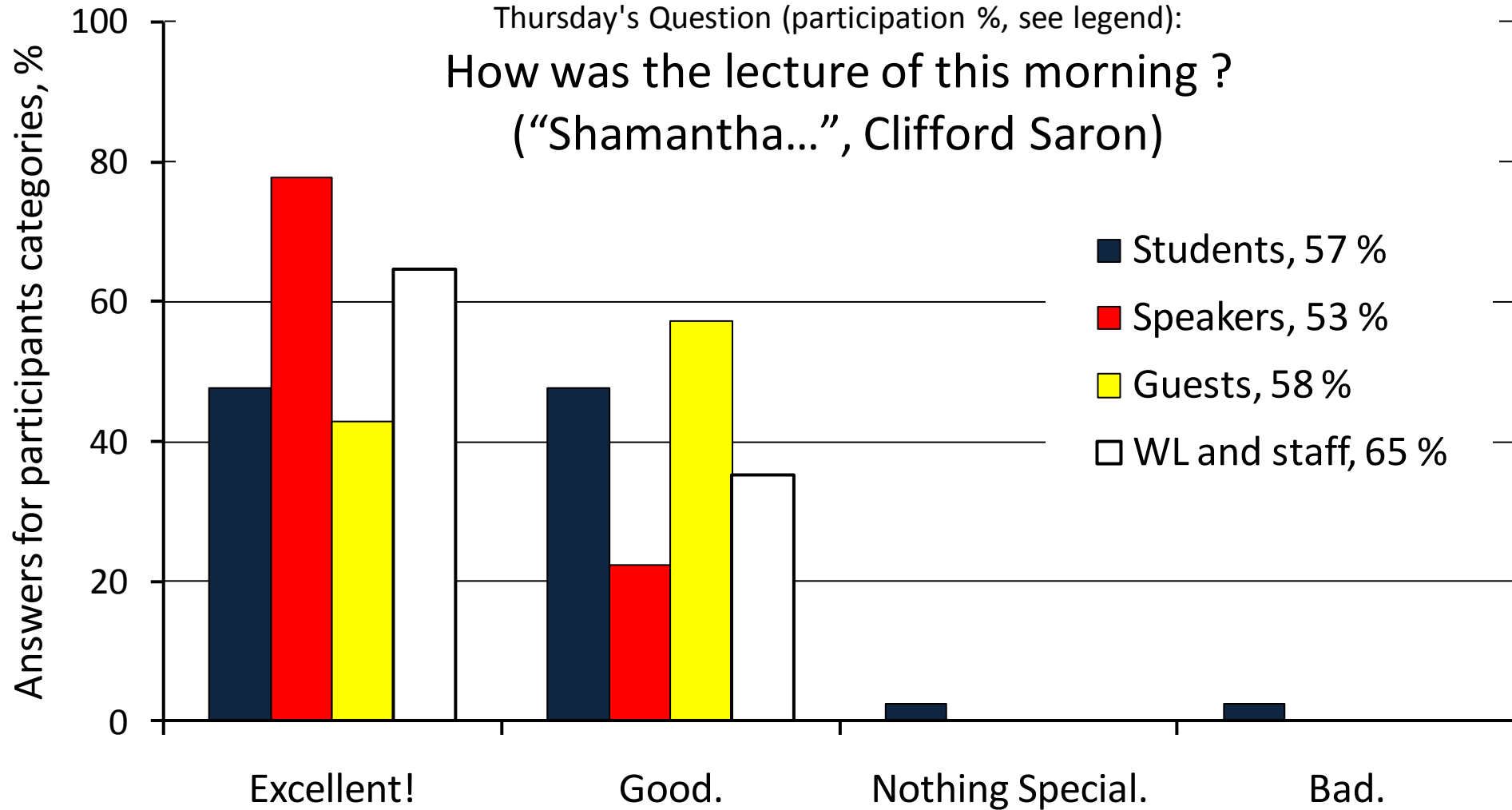
The classroom by Joseph Prabhu was great!

Thursday 25th of November 2010

“The day of Inner Value”

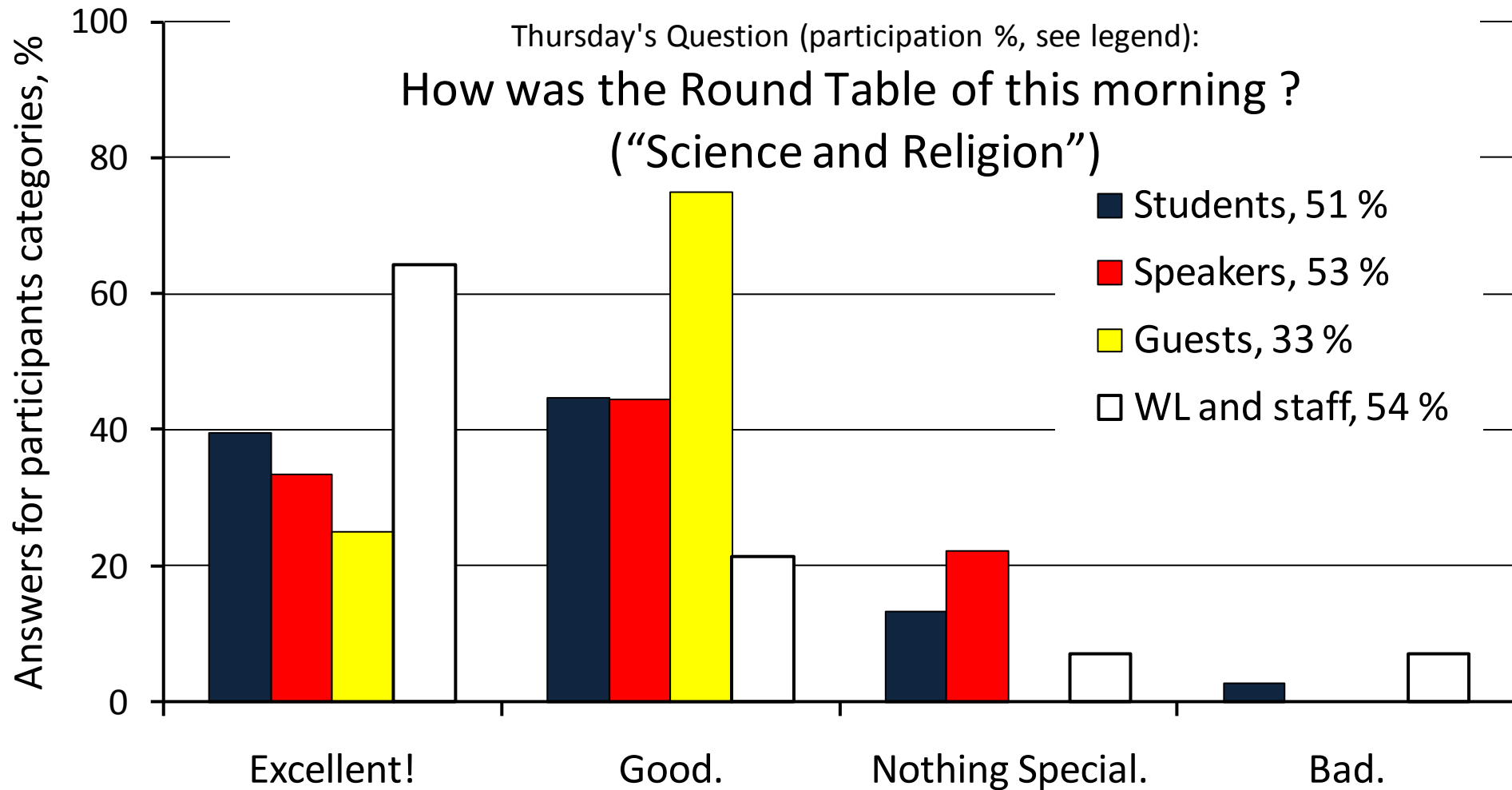
- ✓ Lecture of the day
- ✓ Round Table of the day
- ✓ Workshops

Thursday's Question (participation %, see legend):
How was the lecture of this morning ?
("Shamantha...", Clifford Saron)



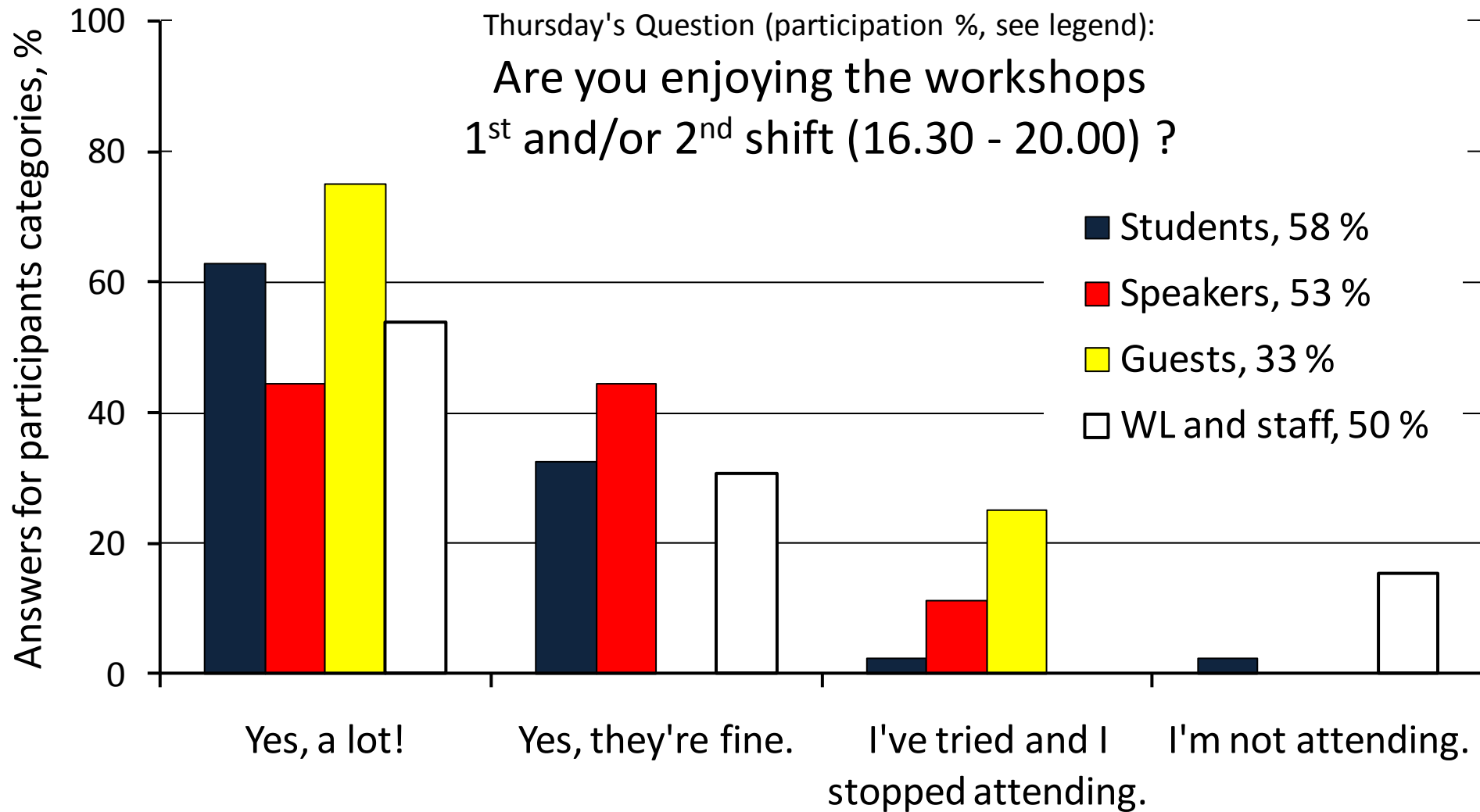
Example:

48 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 57% of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

39 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 51 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

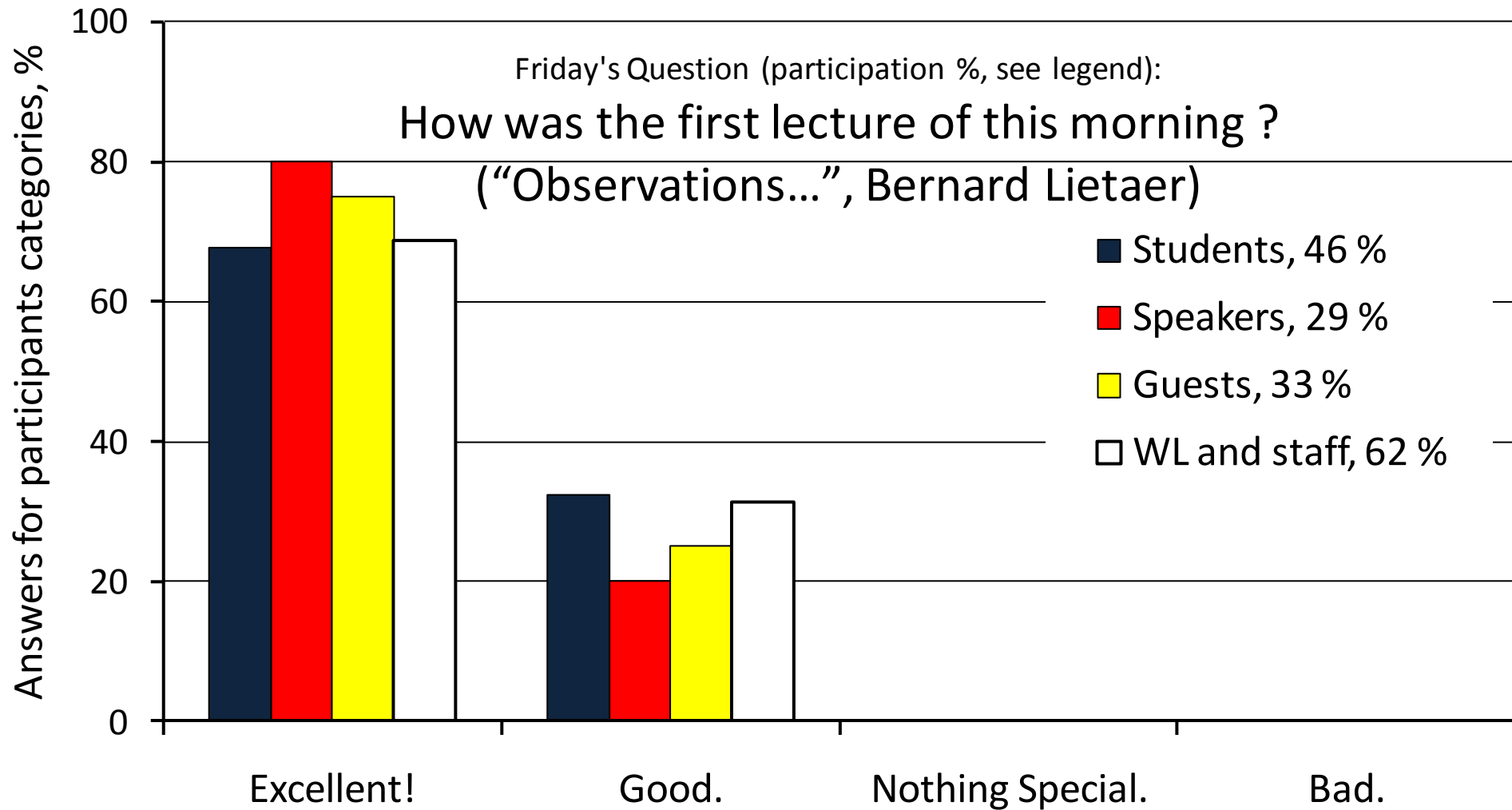
63 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 58 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Yes, a lot!“.

Friday

26th of November 2010

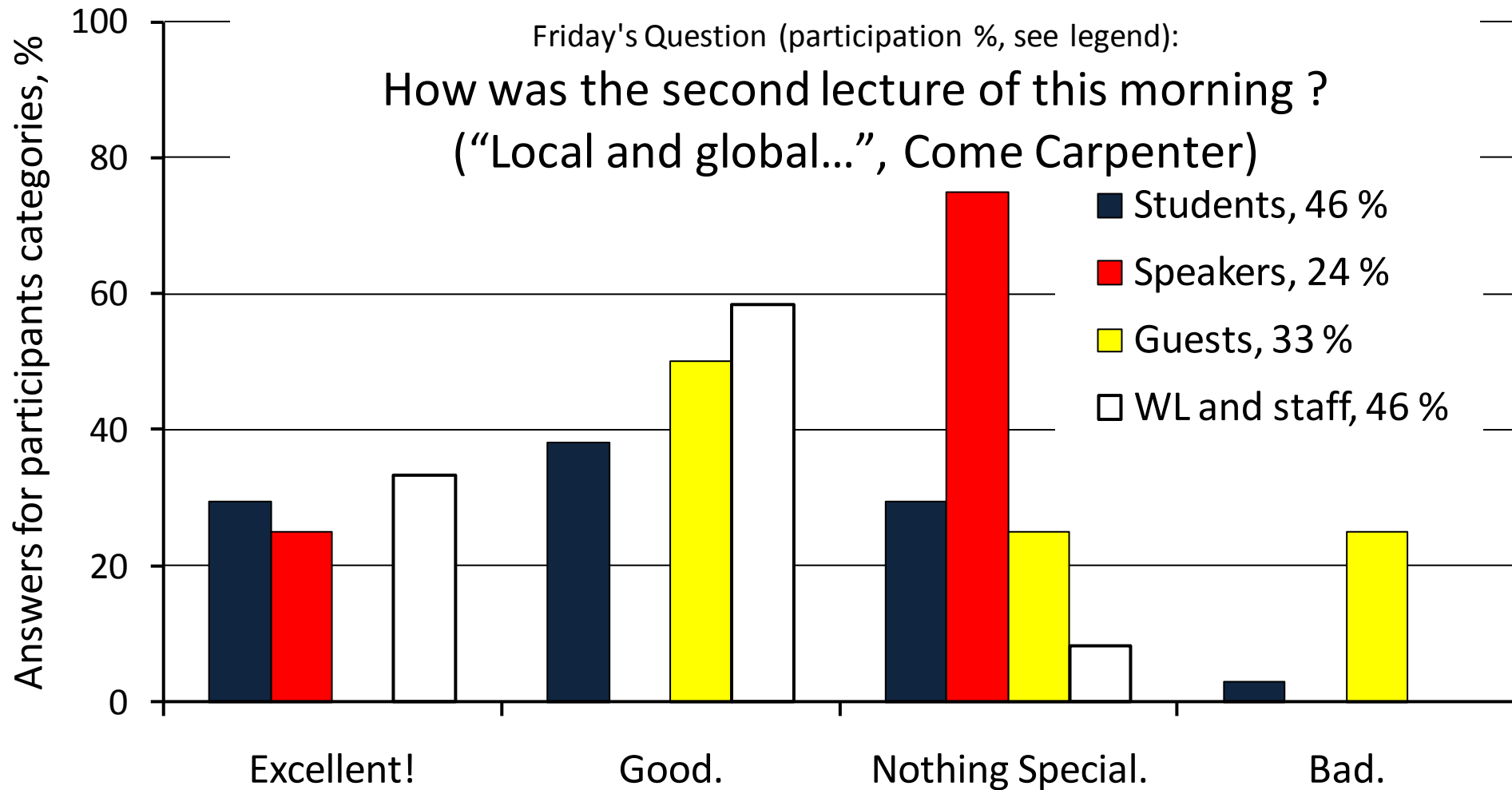
“The day of economics”

- ✓ Lectures of the day
- ✓ Question about interdisciplinary stimulation



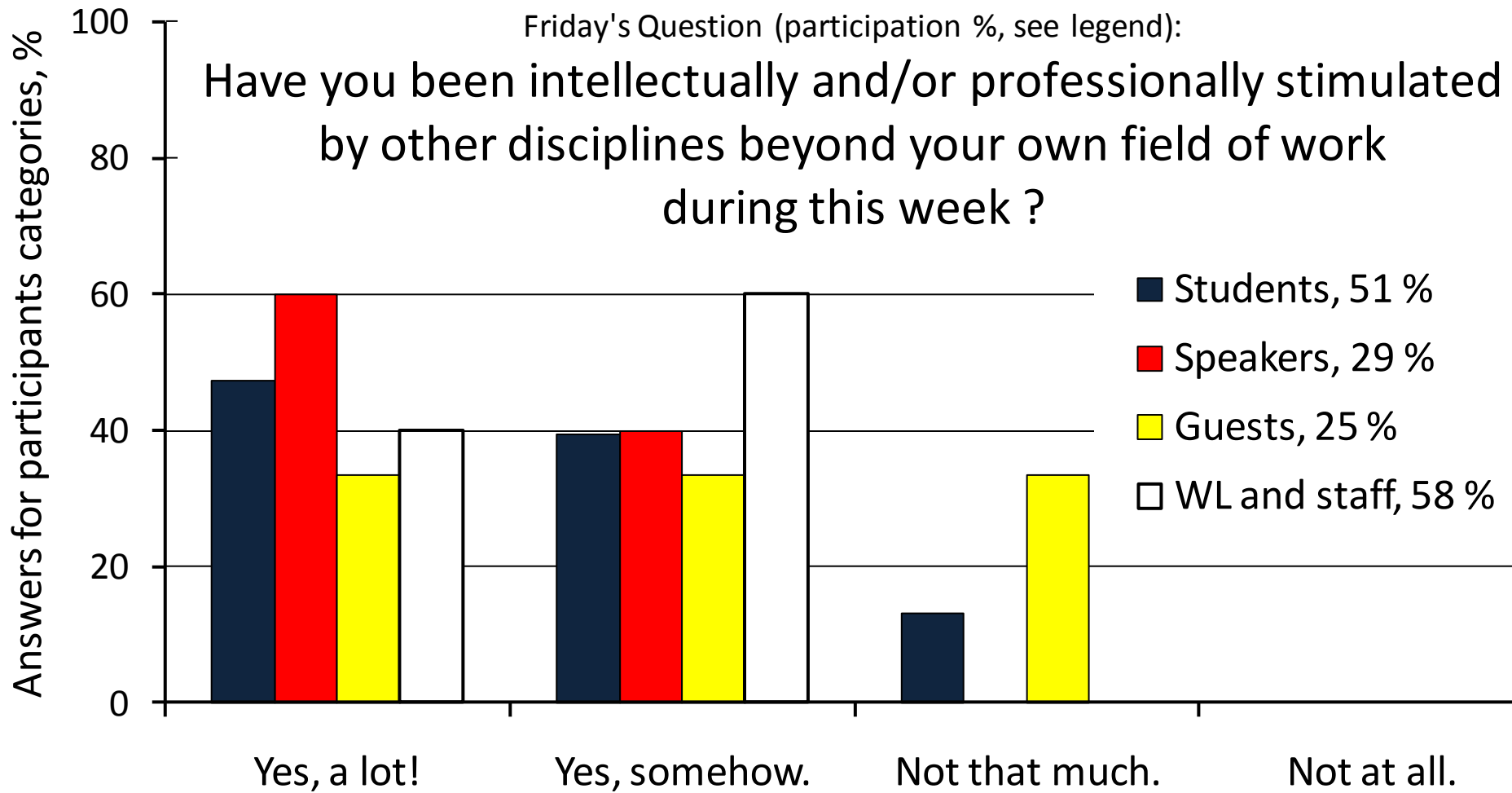
Example:

68 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 46% of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

29 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 46 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

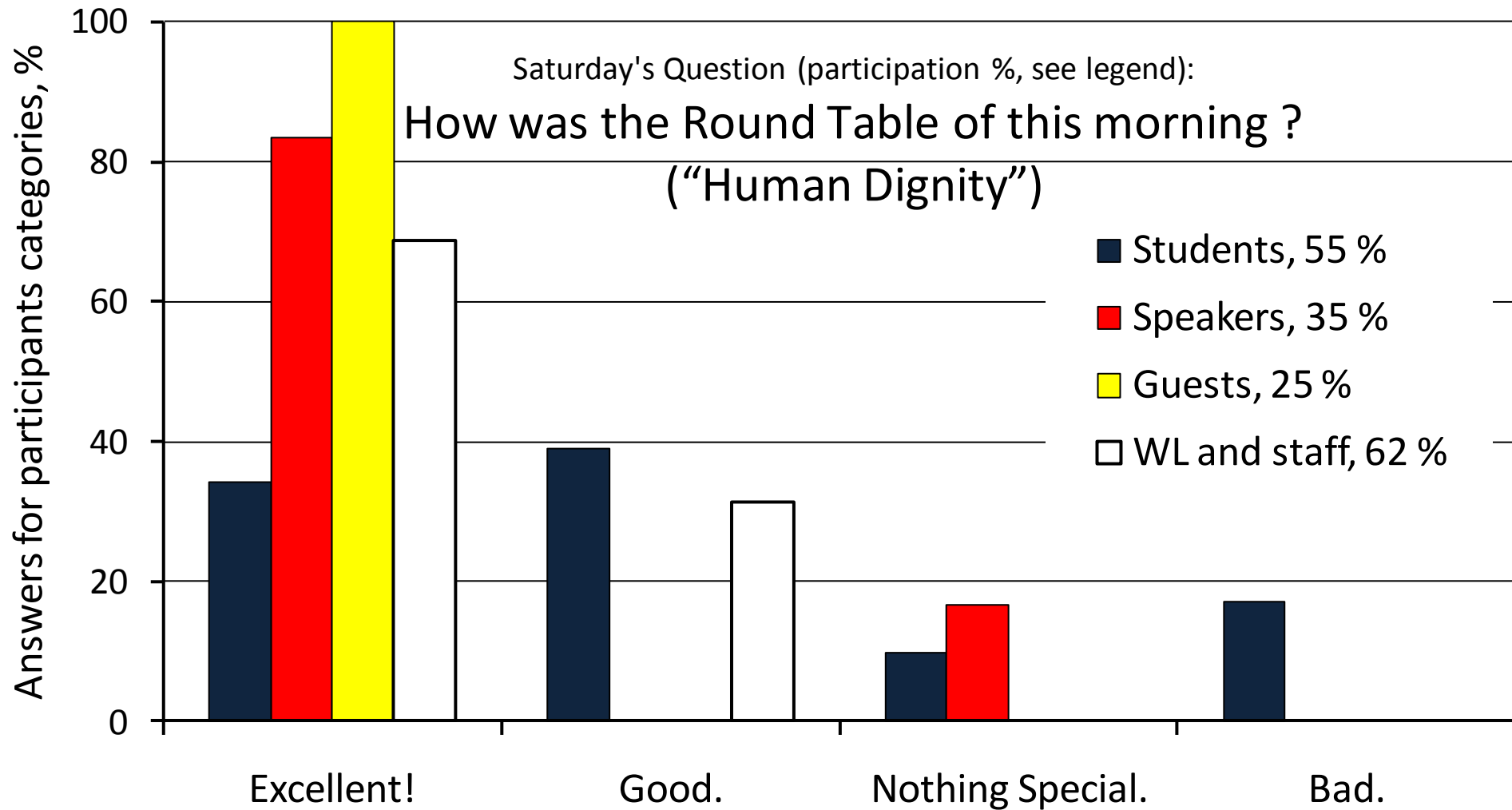
47 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 51 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Yes, a lot!“.

Saturday

27th of November 2010

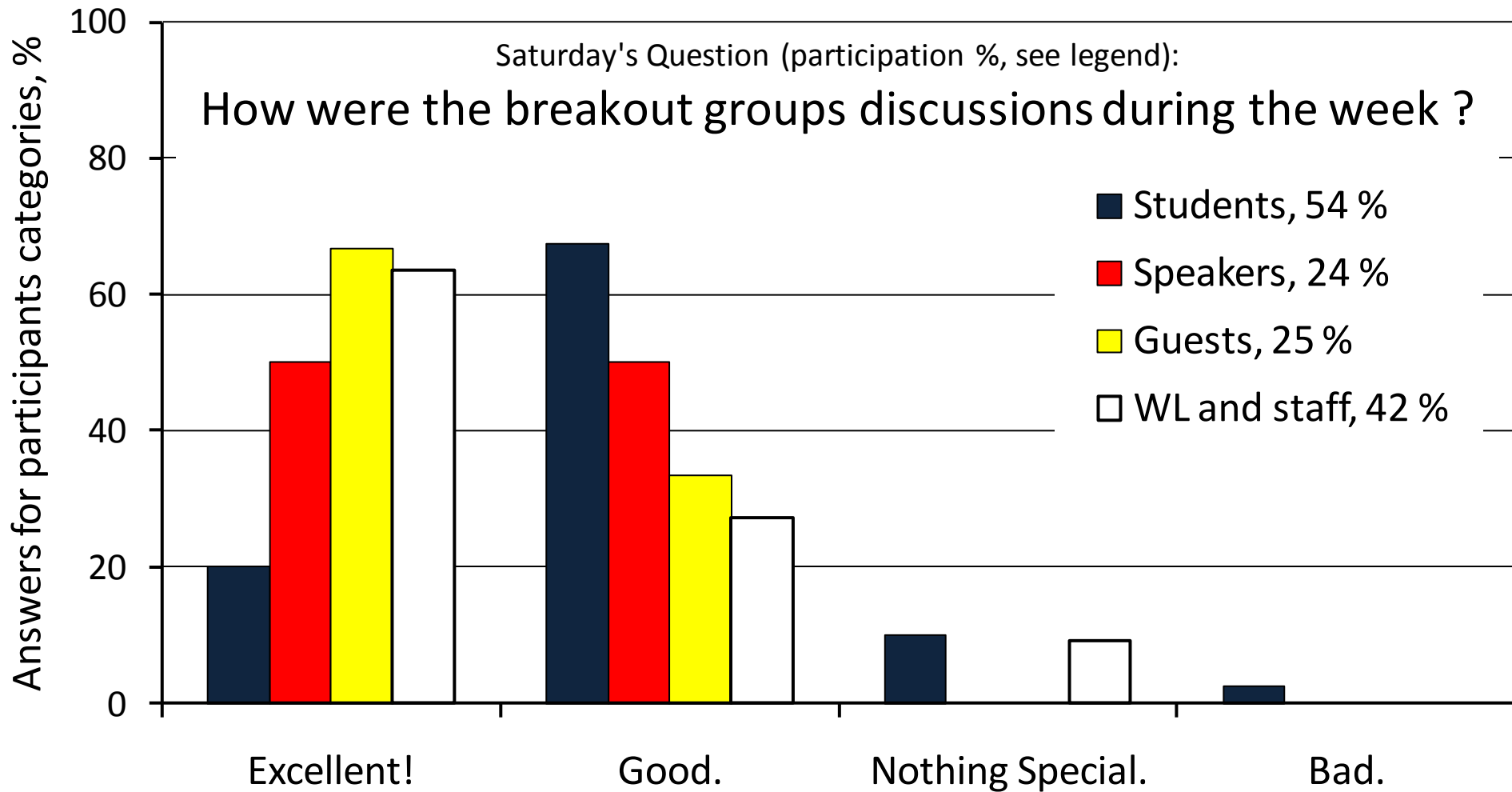
“Concluding”

- ✓ Round Table
- ✓ Breakout groups discussions
- ✓ Question about interdisciplinary communication
- ✓ Personal statements



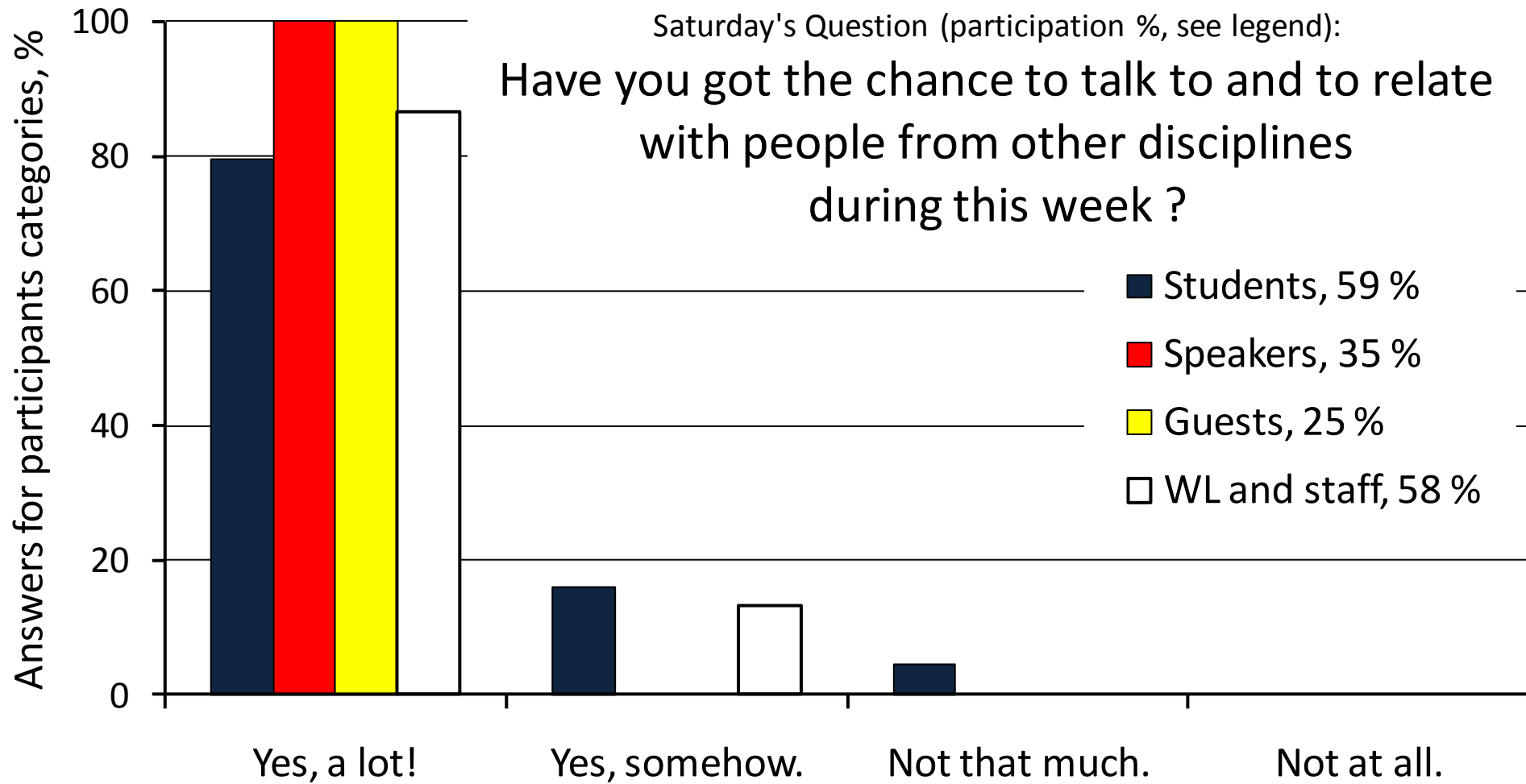
Example:

34 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 55% of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

20% of the Students who gave their feedback (= 54 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Excellent!“.



Example:

80 % of the Students who gave their feedback (= 59 % of the total nr. of students) replied: „Yes, a lot!“.

Personal statements

WL & Staff

One of the most moving Cortonas, perfectly prepared and organized. Critic: not “spiritual heritage of India”!

Scientists presented mostly their own/private view on spirituality. The Indian heritage was brought in mostly by the students from India.

Why not to give humanities (like a lecture about Hinduism... Islam... Indian Art... psychology...) a place?

I think this would be very important, because the future lies in a new level of bringing together science and humanities.

In my workshop most participants were looking for an orientation they couldn't find in pure of “spiritualized” science. In the Eranos-conferences there was a space for these new horizons on a qualified level because there were highly qualified speakers of science, philosophy, cultural history and depth psychology invited to speak.

On Wednesday: In the mid of the week I feel a deep strong feeling of being homesick – home at Europe. I [*cannot read, sorry*] with happiness that I am European. But this was only a step. Even if we were in this peaceful privileged resort, I came in contact with the social situation in India – poverty, conflicts, fears of the future. This was the background of my home sickness! So this first international Cortona was much closer to real problems in our world and our time. I also had to learn a lot about my prejudices and ignorance about no different cultures. This Cortona-India hopefully opened the door, not only for me. Thank you!