Internet and Society

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Course Description:

This course surveys the relations between the Internet and society. We will discuss the emergence of network society; the nature of the Internet as a social structure using models of social networks; the ways social relations are formed and maintained via computer mediated communication; kinds of digital divides, developments in the Internet economy, and the impact of algorithmic regulation of digital information on everyday practice, journalism, and privacy.

Course Requirements:

Presence, reading and a term paper.

Grade Assessment:

- 6 excerpts from class readings (1 page each). Each excerpt will be grade as 2 points (total 12 points).
- A term paper grade comprised of 88% of the final grade.

The term paper will be offered by the student on the general subject of the course, upon my approval and guidance.

Course Outline and Reading List

Information Society and Networked Individualism


Elements of Network Structure

Introduction: Elements of Network Theory

Demonstrating analytically and graphically applications and relevance of social network analysis using Software UCINET 6.

A short animation of global networks: Network Earth.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZ3OmlbtaMU


Domestication of the Internet


Theories of Computer-Mediated Communication


Weixu Lu and Keith N Hampton (2016). "Beyond the power of networks: Differentiating network structure from social media affordances for perceived social support” New Media & Society–1 -19

Internet and Political Participation

Digital Divides


Online Journalism and Digital Attention


**The Surveillance State and Corporate Algorithmic Regulation: Control, Privacy and Exposure**


**The Internet as a Common vs. Arena of Corporate Control**


Benkler Y. 2016, Peer production, the commons, and the future of the firm, *Strategic Organization* 1–11. Vs. his