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:

Attendance, reading and a term paper.

Grade Assessment:

- 6 excerpts from class readings (1 page each). Each excerpt will be graded as 2 points (total 12 points).

- A term paper grade comprised of 88% of the final grade.

The term paper topic 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.


**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
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