COURSE DETAIL

THE INTERNET AND SOCIETY

Country
United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution
University of Edinburgh

Program(s)
University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology

UCEAP Course Number
155

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
THE INTERNET AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title
INTERNET & SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units
5.30

Course Description

Internet technologies play an important, often controversial, role in contemporary society, touching almost every aspect of our lives. Many dramatic, both dystopian and utopian, claims have been made about the transformative "effects" of these technologies. This course investigates these claims across different areas of life, technologies, and practices. It treats "the internet" not as one monolithic entity, but as a collection of at times disparate technologies, platforms, practices, and discourses that are co-evolving with rather than impacting on society. The course covers key themes, historical and contemporary, that have informed and challenged our understanding and assumptions about the interaction between the internet and society. This includes, but is not limited to: identity and subjectivity, social exclusion and inequality, politics and democracy, globalization and development, and privacy and surveillance. The course focuses on specific empirical case studies and technologies as well as theoretical and methodological questions on how to best study and conceptualize the role of internet technologies in society.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
STIS10001

Host Institution Course Title
THE INTERNET AND SOCIETY

Host Institution Campus
Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Science, Technology and Innovation Studies

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