

# COURSE DETAIL

## TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Padua

**Program(s)**

Psychology and Cognitive Science, Padua

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Film & Media Studies Computer Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

150

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

TECHNOLOGY&SOCIETY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## Course Description

The course offers an overview of social studies of technologies (science and technologies studies), with particular reference to the social dimensions of digital media and communication technologies, providing a set of historical, conceptual, and methodological tools to analyze the relationship between technologies and society. The course is structured in two parts: a first theoretical part presents some of the main concepts and theories for the study of the social implications of technologies, with particular reference to the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS); a second part is dedicated to the deepening of the social and cultural implications that have characterized some of the most important technologies for digital communication and in particular the Internet, the smartphone, and online platforms. More specifically, the topics addressed are: an introduction to the basic concepts and terminology for the study of the relationship between technologies and society; the critique of “technological determinism;” the “social construction of technologies” approach; the role of end users in shaping technologies; the history of the Internet in a social and cultural perspective; the process of innovation of the smartphone and its uses in society; and the social role and technical mechanisms of digital platforms.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

SUQ0090393

## Host Institution Course Title

TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

Human and Social Sciences and Cultural Heritage

## Host Institution Degree

Second Cycle Degree in Strategies in Communication

## Host Institution Department

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