COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMIES OF TECH
Country Denmark
Host Institution University of Copenhagen
Program(s) University of Copenhagen
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Economics Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 111
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ECONOMIES OF TECH
UCEAP Transcript Title ECONOMIES OF TECH
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course begins with a historical perspective on the development of current economic and tech-structures, asking what is actually new. It then examines types of tech economies and forms of valuation, considering topics such as credit (e)valuations, the power of platforms, the producers of technology such as software engineers and users, prediction algorithms, digital money and markets, and surveillance capitalism. Anthropologists and social scientists from adjacent disciplines have the potential to contribute to both academic and public debates regarding economies of technology by engaging both critically and productively with the way that technology is shaping society and making specific assertions about what is “of value." Students develop their own argument about the changing economies of technology during the course using an empirical case and present their own case for feedback at a workshop, before writing the final essay. This course builds knowledge, skills, and competencies to engage with the current developments in tech by building on classical as well as current theoretical perspectives from fields including economic and digital anthropology, sociology, and science and technology studies.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
Anthropology

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