COURSE DETAIL

THINKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGY
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University College London
Program(s) University College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Business Administration
UCEAP Course Number 156
UCEAP Course Suffix N
UCEAP Official Title THINKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title THINKING ABOUT TECH
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to ways of thinking about technology, using historical, sociological and philosophical perspectives. The course starts with lectures and seminars on fundamental questions: what is technology? Is technology socially shaped? Do artefacts have politics? What are the common mistakes in thinking about technology? The course then addresses major themes (industrialization and division of labor, technological lock-in, gender and technology, non-Western technology and maintenance) and key theories and models (Marx, Foucault, Heidegger). The course ends by addressing provocative questions such as: can machines think? Can machines be ethical? Do machines evolve?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HPSC0037

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Host Institution Campus
University College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Science and Technology Studies

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