

## Course Book Internet Politics (19-30 June)

### Course Description

The internet as it stands today has traversed every aspect of human interactions and society. It has changed the way political parties' campaign; citizen engage or transnational networks are built and promoted while raising concerns of privacy and surveillance of online activities. It has overturned the traditional structure of mass media by allowing individuals to manufacture and broadcast content. Social media outlets such as YouTube, MySpace or Blogger now pose a direct threat to the traditional mode of journalism. There is an emergence of new digital public sphere where indigenous cultures, religious groups or political activists have new possibilities to express, negotiate and share their concern. This course aims to examine the internet - and its effect on politics around the world by focusing on four different themes: Governance, Culture, Gender, Religion and Public Policy. The students will receive hands-on knowledge with the help of case studies, reading material and feature films.

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Friday, 22.06.12, 10-12 AM

#### Introduction to Internet Politics

Moderators: Dorothea Engler & Hasnain Bokhari

Kasse M. (2000). Political Science and the internet. *International Political Science Review*, 21, pp.265-288

Bimber, Bruce et.al, (2009). Technological change and the shifting nature of political organisation, in A. Chadwick, & P. K. Howard, *Routledge Handbook on Internet Politics* (pp. 72-85). New York: Routledge.

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Saturday, 23.06.12, 10-12 AM

#### Culture and Internet

Moderators: Dr. Altaf Ullah & Naeem Gul

Webster, Frank (2001). A new politics? In *Culture and politics in the information age : a new politics?* / ed. by Frank Webster. P: 1-14

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Saturday, 23.06.12, 2 - 4PM

#### The Net

#### Film Session (Internet & Online Identity)

Angela Bennett is a computer expert. This young analyst is never far from a computer and modem. The only activity she has outside of computers is visiting her mother. A friend, whom she's only spoken to over the net and phone, Dale Hessman, sent her a program with a weird glitch for her to debug. That night, he left to meet her and was killed in a plane crash. Angela discovers secret information on the disk she has received only hours before she leaves for vacation. Her life then turns into a nightmare, her records are erased from existence and she is

given a new identity, one with a police record. She struggles to find out why this has happened and who has it in for her.

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**Monday, 25.06.12, 10-12 AM**  
**Internet and Political Participation**

Moderator: Dr. Ayub Jan

Reedy, J., & Wells, C. (2009). Information, the internet and direct democracy. In A. Chadwick, & P. K. Howard, Routledge Handbook on Internet Politics (pp. 157-172). New York: Routledge.

Smith, Melissa M. (2010). Political Campaign in the Twenty First Century. In: Hendricks, J (et al.) (Ed.), Communicator in Chief: How Barak Obama Used New Media Technology to Win the White House. Lexington Books: Plymouth (pp. 139-156)

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**Monday, 25.06.12, 2 - 4PM**  
**Social Media & Political Parties**

Moderator: Dorothea Engler

Case Study of German Pirate Party and their use of internet as a tool of mobilization

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**Tuesday, 26.06.12, 10-12 AM**  
**Internet Governance**

Moderators: Mustafa Khan & Hasnain Bokhari

Deibert, R. J. (2009). The geopolitics of internet control: censorship, sovereignty, and cyberspace. In A. Chadwick, & P. N. Howard, Routledge Handbook of Internet Politics (pp. 323-336). NY: Routledge.

Dutton, W. H., & Peltu, M. (2009). The new politics of internet: multi-stakeholder policy-making and the internet technocracy. In A. Chadwick, & P. N. Howard, Routledge Handbook of Internet Politics (pp. 384-400). NY: Routledge.

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**Tuesday, 26.06.12, 2 - 4PM**  
**Academic Writing**

**Nuisance & Nuances**

Barbara Kunze

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**Wednesday, 27.06.12, 10-12 AM**

**Religion and Internet**

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Jamal Malik & Bakht Zaman

Barker, E. (2005). Crossing the Boundary: new challenges to religious authority and control as a consequence of access to internet. In M. T. Hojsgaard, & M. Warburg, Religion and Cyberspace (pp. 67-85). New York: Routledge.

Bunt, G. (2003). Introduction, in Islam in Digital Age: E-Jihad, Online Fatwas and Cyber Islamic Environment. London: Pluto Press.

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**Wednesday, 27.06.12, 2 – 4 PM**

**Gender on the Internet**

Moderators: Naeem Gul & Dorothea Engler

Doorn, N. v., & Zoonen, L. v. (2009). Theorizing Gender on the Internet: past, present and future. In A. Chadwick, & P. N. Howard, Routledge Handbook of Internet Politics (pp. 261-274). NY: Routledge.

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**Thursday, 28.06.12, 10-12 AM**

**Case Study**

**Social Media & Political Parties**

Moderator: Naeem Gul

Case Study on Imran Khan's political party, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, how it employed social networking and internet to campaign and involve young voters in Pakistan