

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.

Notes:

- There will be 10 sessions and each session will be 90 minutes long.
- Every session will be introduced by the moderator(s) for 5-10 minutes.
- The entire group of students is divided into three groups.
- Every group will prepare a summary of each reading in written format (max. 300 words) and present their findings for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Every group is supposed to prepare 2 – 3 questions at the end of presentation.
- Rest of the 60 minutes will be focused on the discussion.

Groups:

Group A: Umama Ashfaq Paracha, Maidah Arshad, Syed Azaz Ali Shah

Group B: Summer Saeed, Zarmeena Gul, Ikram Ullah

Group C: Khalida Niaz, Khadija Kanwal, Muhammad Aamir Khan

Every group prepares one summary for each reading for a session. If there are two readings, there will be two summaries.

Please send your summaries to Mr. Zia Ullah (hamdard.journalist@gmail.com) by 12th June.

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Friday, 22.06.12, 10-12 AM

Introduction to Internet Politics

Moderators: Dorothea Engler & Hasnain Bokhari

Summary & Presentation: Group A

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.

Saturday, 23.06.12, 10-12 AM

Culture and Internet

Moderator: Dr. Altaf Ullah

Summary & Presentation: Group B

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

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.

Monday, 25.06.12, 10-12 AM

Internet and Political Participation

Moderator: Dr. Ayub Jan

Summary & Presentation: Group C

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)

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

Tuesday, 26.06.12, 10-12 AM
Internet Governance

Moderators: Mustafa Khan & Hasnain Bokhari

Summary & Presentation: Group B

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.

Tuesday, 26.06.12, 2 - 4PM
Academic Writing

Nuisance & Nuances
Barbara Kunze

Wednesday, 27.06.12, 10-12 AM
Religion and Internet

(Prof. Dr. Jamal Malik & Bakht Zaman)

Summary & Presentation: Group C

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

Wednesday, 27.06.12, 2 – 4 PM

Gender on the Internet

Moderators: Naeem Gul & Dorothea Engler

Summary & Presentation: Group A

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.

Thursday, 28.06.12, 10-12 AM

Case Study

Social Media & Political Parties

Moderator: Naeem Gul

Summary & Presentation: Group A, B & C

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