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| Course ID Courseclass: | 231457 505TESOTES19 |
| Course: | SE Technology and Society (Bachelor/Master Sociology) |
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| Hours / ECTS: | 2 SSt. / 6 ECTS |
| Dates: | kusss.jku.at |
| Teaching Contents: | |
| <p>The seminar addresses the interrelation between technology and society. It is based on the discussion of theoretical and empirical texts, which offer insights into different aspects of the interplay between technology and society. We will address questions such as: How does technology shape and is shaped by society? What is the relationship between technology, knowledge, expertise, and democracy? How are future technologies designed and who is being included/excluded in their creation and usage?</p> | |
| Learning Objectives: | |
| <p>Students will study the co-constitutive and recursive properties of technology and (modern) society. They will engage with key theoretical and methodological approaches and will have a chance to look at the world from these sociological perspectives by discussing them. They will show what they'll have learned by writing reading cards and a term paper in which they engage with a topic of their own choosing in the broader context of this course.</p> | |
| Criteria for evaluation: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular attendance: 5 of 7 sessions. If you don't meet this criterion you can still pass by compensating with additional tasks. Active participation is also expected. Attendance and participation are not graded. • Preparation of Reading Cards for every text (in sum 10) where you show that you have engaged with the text. It is one Din-A4-page long. Reading Cards of the same session are graded and in sum make up 50 % of the final grade. The first two reading cards for the second session are ungraded and can be understood as a trial. • Term paper: 10 pages in which you engage with the topic of the course (sociological perspective of the interrelation between technology and society) by choosing your own specific focus. You are expected to conduct your own literature research for the term paper's topic. The term paper makes up the second 50 % of your grade for the course. | |
| Teaching Methods: | |
| <p>The course will consist of a combination of reading-oriented discussion and other practical exercises. Basis for our discussions will be the literature of the sessions. We will engage with the texts in a variety of ways (e.g. plenary and small-group work). Students will also share and present their findings and discussion results. Furthermore, we will transfer the sociological perspectives by applying them to new examples and cases. We will compare different perspectives from different texts and sessions and we will try to think of hypothetical research projects regarding the topics and theoretical and methodological perspectives.</p> | |
| Literature: | |
| <p>The literature for the sessions will be available on Moodle. It is expected to conduct further literature research for the seminar paper.</p> | |
| Language: English | |
| Further Information: Incoming students are welcome. | |