Soc 5115 WA

Advanced Seminar Topic: Technology and Culture

Tuesday 2:30-5:30

RB 3026

Instructor: Gary Genosko

This seminar will focus on key points of intersection between technology and culture. Topics include sociology of infrastructure (public utilities), social media, YouTube, WikiLeaks, administrative surveillance in historical and theoretical context, and hacking (online and offline).

Articles will be supplied by the instructor.

Required Text: Thompson and Genosko, Punched Drunk (Fernwood, 2009)

Requirements: One major research paper on a topic selected in consultation with the instructor. One formal seminar presentation that develops a topic of interest towards the research paper.