This course explores how digital technology informs everyday life, but also how society informs the design, development, and use of digital technologies. Using key concepts, theories, and methods from the Sociology of Technology field, we will examine the relationship between Information & Communication technologies (ICTs) and social dynamics. Particular attention will be given to how digital technologies present both social possibilities (e.g., broader access to information and services, social connectedness, etc.) and challenges (e.g., privacy concerns, digital divide, etc.). Students will study these tensions through the analysis of sociological studies, news, and hands-on digital engagement.

Students will have the option to be assessed either in French or English. Les étudiant·e·s pourront être évalué·e·s en français ou en anglais, selon leur préférence.

**Day 1, March 11, 2019**

**Topics:**

I. What is technology?

II. Do machines make history?

**Readings:**


**Extra (not required):**


**Day 2, March 12, 2019**

**Topics:**
I. How do we theorize people + technology? Introduction to ‘Social Shaping of Technology’ theories.

Readings:


Extra (not required):


Day 3, March 13, 2019

Topics:

I. To selfie or not to selfie? Self-presentation and identity

II. Does the Internet make us social, unsocial, or both?

Readings:


Extra (not required):


Day 4, March 14, 2019

Topics:
The ‘dark’ side: digital inequalities, privacy, surveillance (and artificial intelligence)

Readings:


Extra (not required):


Day 5, March 15, 2019

Topics:

I. Digital Methods: from Nethnographies to Big Data

II. I made an app! Applied Sociology of Technology

Readings:


Extra (not required):
