Seminar „Information Technology and Society“ (30.7408)
Wintersemester 2019/20

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➢ Questions and emails are always to be sent to both instructors.

Location & time of the seminar: (attendance is mandatory)
first meeting: Saturday, Nov. 9; D14/1.04, 10:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Monday, Feb 24; D14/1.04, 10:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb 25; D14/1.04, 10:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Thursday, Feb 27; D14/1.04, 10:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Friday, Feb 28; D14/1.04, 10:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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<td>Intro, distribution of seminar topics &amp; World Café I</td>
<td>Gahlings / Harriehausen</td>
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<td>Introduction to the seminar, incl. discussion of the seminar title (keywords: society, ethics, philosophy). What does “interdisciplinary” mean?</td>
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<td>by Nov 18</td>
<td>Send in your “wanted poster” (see below) electronically to both instructors and turn in 2 hardcopies into the mailbox of Prof. Harriehausen (located in the secretary’s office in D14/0.11)</td>
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Suggestion of topics for the presentations (not necessarily in this order)

- IT & Moral Responsibility
- Joseph Weizenbaum’s teachings and criticism (Basis: Videos)
- Diversity, Opportunities and Risks in IT (e.g. Discussion of the films “Plug and pray”)
- Internet- and Computeraddiction / IT & Games
- Social Media and communication
- Green IT
- IT & Gender
• IT & Medicine
• IT & Politics
• IT and (economy-) crime
• Whistleblowing (e.g.: Snowden, Manning,…)
• Surveillance / Privacy
• IT and Education
• Cyber Mobbing
• Robots and human Subjects / IT & A.I.
• IT and morality of machines
• Digital Tsunami (Big Data)
• IT & …

You are welcome to make your own proposal for a topic.

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The **grade** for this seminar is composed of:

- active participation in the seminar discussions 20%
- Presentation of a topic 40%
  - The slides of your presentation need to be sent to the instructors no later than the day before the presentation by 4 p.m. electronically.
- Essay: written discussion of a given topic 40%

Failure to meet deadlines as well as late appearance to class meetings will result in a grade penalty.
“Wanted Poster“

By **Nov. 18** each group will send a „wanted poster“ to the instructors. This poster includes the following information:

1. the topic and date of your presentation  
2. the names of all group members  
3. the student ID number of each person and  
4. a photo of each person

It could look like this:

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Topic of presentation  
date of presentation