We will address technology as a system of values, social organization, culture and power. We will examine how political, social, and cultural factors shape technological developments, and how in turn, technological development changes politics, society and culture.
The meaning of technology: society, culture, power and the idea of progress as related to technological development

Descripció:
The subject of class lectures and discussions will include the following: technology's connotations and diverse interpretations in today's world; technology's interrelation with the concepts of culture, politics or nature; the ambivalences in the relationship between "progress" and technological development.

From weapons of mass destruction to genetically-modified food or cyber surveillance, we live in an age of intense debate about technology's place in our culture. While technologies continue to change, this debate has become vibrant and vital.

Sistema de qualificació

The following are required for class assessment:
An essay on a class-related topic (50% of total grade for the course)
An oral presentation (50% of total grade for the course)
Class attendance is required. Failure to comply with this requirement can seriously affect your final grade

Bibliografia

Bàsica:

Altres recursos:
Class material will be available from both course website and Atenea.