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Course Overview:

This seminar will examine a wide range of topics connected with the CB literature dealing with the Digital and Technology-Consumer Interactions.

Formal Requirements:

(30%) In preparation for each class, students will generate: (1) summaries (a few paragraphs) of the main issues addressed by the readings (write a summary for each reading clearly stating the main question(s) addressed and their answer), and (2) one or two ‘research ideas’ connected to the issues in the readings that you would like to potentially develop as a research project. The summaries and research ideas should be sent to me by e-mail right before we meet.

(30%) Class participation: This includes the quality of your presentations (we will talk about this at the organizational meeting), how well you lead the discussions, and your overall participation in class.

(40%) There will also be a final project presentation (Dec 9th), which should become a summary paper (10-15 pages, typed, 1 in. margins, double spaced, 12 pt. type). You will be required to outline the theoretical framework supporting a particular research question and one or two experiments designed to test the unanswered question related to one of the class topics. In theory, this should be something that you’re really interested in doing; it will be most valuable to you if you can tie it to something you’re actually working on or would like to work on.

Course format:

Seminar participants will be heavily involved in the leading the seminar. I will introduce the topic at the beginning of each meeting (and sometimes lecture a bit on some specific topics within my area), and then the remainder of the time will be devoted to discussion and small-group activities. The summaries and comments that you turn in will be compiled and will be used as orienting questions to facilitate the discussion. You will be expected to make each session stimulating by keeping up with the readings, organizing your thoughts before each session, and participating actively in the discussion.

READING LIST

September 2nd: Word of Mouth


September 9th: Photos and Memory


September 23rd: Social Media


September 30th: The Effect of Interaction Modalities on Decision Making


October 7th: Digital Goods


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October 14th: AI & Algorithms


October 21th: Anthropomorphization, Voice and Conversational Advisors


October 28th: Robots


November 4th: The Internet of Things


**November 11th: Discussion of Research Ideas – Use format sent**

**November 18th: Public Policy**


**Dec 1-3rd: Data collection in Lab/Online**

**Dec 9th: Research Project Presentations**