Syllabus for Technology and Power
Study Program: Undergraduate
Lecturer: Professor Aleksandar Fatić

Aims of the course

This course will help the students to understand how technological advancement influences social power and changes society, as well as what challenges it poses to processes such as education, family relaions, and industrial relations.

Outcomes of the course

Pending completion of the course the students will be equipped to view technology not just as a means to an end, namely as tools to achieve various practical ends, but also as a factor in the distribution of power in companies, groups of peers and even families. The students will be able to understand the various facets of technology's influence on the structure and dynamics of society and to undertake further studies in technology or the humanities with a view of this linkage between the two.

Content of the course

1. The concept of technology
2. The influence of technology on society in general
3. Technology and social progress
4. The definition of social power: power in a group of peers ("horizontal power").
5. The relationship between power and influence.
6. How does technology change our values?
7. Technology and loyalty
8. The impact of technology on trust and 'organic' values, such as family values
9. Technology and identity
10. Controlling the influence of technology.

Literature

- Daniel Sarewitz (1996). Frontiers of Illusion: Science, Technology, and the Politics of Progress. Philadelphia: Temple University Press (selections from the book will be provided to students).
- Eric M. Uslaner (2002). *The moral foundations of trust*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (selections of the book will be provided to students).
- Adam B. Seligman (2000). *The problem of trust*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (selections from the book will be provided to students).

- Additional readings may be provided during the course.

Number of hours				Other classes:
Lectures	Exam:	Other forms of teaching:	Research paper: Not required	
Final assessment (maximum points 100)				
	points			
attendance	**5**			
Final written exam 3 (essay questions)	**95**			