

Number of ECTS credits : 3

Course language : French , English

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≡ COURSE DESCRIPTION

This first year Master's course will equip students with the critical faculties to understand the epistemological processes underlying communication and social interaction. The course will contrast major thinkers within the field of critical theory and cover a variety of theoretical concepts and tools within the Human Sciences. More specifically, it will provide students with the necessary analytic skills to examine the role information & communication technologies (ICTs) play in the Information Society, particularly within the political arena

≡ COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to introduce students to critical theory in order to enable them to be critically reflective within the field of media & communications studies, thus preparing them for their thesis and professional development.

≡ LEARNING GOALS

≡ TACKLED CONCEPTS

Objectivity

Critical theory

Communication Studies

Paradigm

ICTs

≡ LEARNING METHODS

Theoretical lessons will be delivered alongside group participation, role play and participatory debates / presentations.

≡ ASSIGNMENTS

Critical thinking.

Intellectual rigour.

≡ BIBLIOGRAPHY

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MOUFFE (2000) *The Democratic Paradox*, London: Verso.

HABERMAS (2000) 'The Public Sphere', in K. Nash (ed) *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*.

FOUCAULT (1978) *The History of Sexuality*, vol 1.

HELD (1980) *Introduction to Critical Theory: Horkheimer to Habermas*.

≡ EVALUATION METHODS

100 % : Examen

≡ SESSIONS

1

What is Critical Theory?

LECTURE : 02h00

2

Modernity / Post Modernity

LECTURE : 04h00

3

The Dialectic.

LECTURE : 04h00

4

Communication.

LECTURE : 02h00

5

ICTs

LECTURE : 04h00

6

Conclusion - Preparation for the exam

LECTURE : 02h00
