

IS406B – POLITICS OF CYBERSPACE

SOME SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

Don't hesitate to discuss your own ideas with Professor Kabay. These are available but in no way limiting. Choice is first-come-first served: only one student per topic.

Addiction, cyberchat	Export regulations on cryptography
Addiction, cybersex	Export regulations on dual-use technology
Addiction, Internet	Full disclosure debate (whether vulnerabilities should be published quickly and openly or not)
Addiction, MMPORGs	Global patterns of Internet censorship
Addiction, social networking sites	Great Firewall of China: will it survive? Should it?
Addiction, video-games	Griefers in MMORPGS
Addiction, virtual worlds	Information and misinformation underpinnings of the War on Terror
Anonymity and crime	Information warfare and the Internet
Changing conceptions of privacy across generations	Intellectual property wars: the economics of intellectual property in a networked world
Changing demographics of Internet access	Internet and misjudgement
Changing face of cybercrime	Internet neutrality (issue of differential service and access imposed by Internet service providers)
Code as speech	Misinformation online: educational implications
Constitution law and memorized passphrases for decryption keys	Misinformation online: political implications
Cyberbullying	Moving on from face-to-face communication in politics
Cybermercenaries	Organized crime and the Internet
Cyberpornography	Piracy, music
Cybersex: virtual child pornography	Piracy, pictures
Cybersex: virtual prostitution	Piracy, video
Cyberspace and the new politics	Political control of the Internet including the Domain Name System
Cyberstalking	Politics and economics of open-source software
Cyberterrorism	Privacy in the digital world
Democratization of reference: wikis and their implications	Psychology of risk and user vulnerability to Internet fraud
Digital divide: national and international perspectives	Public records online: social, economic, legal implications
Digital rights management and user rights	Reverse engineering: law, politics, economics
Disintermediation and censorship	Search and seizure in the digital age
Disintermediation: news	Should writing malware be illegal?
Disintermediation: political speech	Social networking: should universities and employers look?
Economics of commercial software (Who pays for bugs? What are the consequences of software monocultures?)	Social networking: social and political implications
Educational and cultural effects of Internet- and computer-deprivation	Virtual economies
Electronic voting and democracy	