DISCIPLINA: e-DEMOCRACY PRACTICES  
CÓDIGO: GRDDIRELE0134

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CARGA HORÁRIA: 30h

EMENTA

a) overview of e-democracy, b) the concept of democracy, c) political participation, d) online participation, e) open government, f) ‘notice and comment’, g) petitions and surveys, h) slacktivism, i) hacktivism, j) online political collaboration, k) the future of e-democracy practice

OBJETIVOS GERAIS

Explore how advances in information and communications technology (ICT) have changed the way that governments interact with their citizens, both in terms of flows of information, and in terms of the means by which citizens articulate their demands. The main question that the course will devote itself to is: what is political action in a network society? Advances in ICT have created new opportunities for political participation that may reshape our understanding of democratic government.

OBJETIVOS ESPECÍFICOS

Students will gain a thorough understanding of current research on democracy, online political participation - traditional and disruptive, and e-government. Students will also engage in a critical dialogue about what these developments mean for law and democracy. Beyond this, students will grapple with the legal and political difficulties attending new and controversial forms of electronically enabled political participation. As a final project, students will write a proposal or complete design for design a website or app that could be used to enable either (1) delivery of government services or information, (2) aggregation of citizen demands to the government, (3) online political organization.

METODOLOGIA

Class debates based on assigned readings (approximately 30 pages per week) and recent and ongoing events related to the course topics. Class participation will not be graded. No prior technical knowledge is required. Instructors will make every reasonable effort to help with the language. The course will include three one-page response papers (which can be written in Portuguese), and a final take home exam.

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CRITÉRIOS DE AVALIAÇÃO

Three short response papers (30%), one group project (20%) and one take home final exam (50%). Class participation is encouraged, but will not count towards the final grade. The response papers can be written in Portuguese.

BIBLIOGRAFIA OBRIGATÓRIA


FROOMKIN, A. Michael, 2003. “Habermas@discourse.net: Toward a critical theory of


**BIBLIOGRAFIA COMPLEMENTAR**


