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THE DARK SIDES OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Fall 2019
Thu, 6-8.30 pm

Hate crimes
Privacy breaches
Online harassment
Algorithmic oppressions
Digital stress and anxieties
Feminist surveillance studies
Herstories of annihilation
Labor exploitation
Gender gaps
Data leaks
Trolling

We will discuss extant and emerging literature on problematic complex phenomena of social media that have created new subfields of inquiry in media and communication studies, drawing from disciplines such sociology, law, psychology, history, and computer science.

We will read widely on the production, distribution, and use of social media to analyze gendered, raced, aged, and other identity-related structures that power the global digital economy and through an asymmetrical distribution of obstacles and suffering offset some of the assumed benefits and pleasures of online spaces.

The aim is to develop and conduct a study together to produce a conference paper.

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