

CANG9106: C1+

Being Human in the Age of Data: Archives, Networks, Power

We are living in an age of rushing technological progress whose horizons and consequences remain unknown. In this multimedia class, we will pause the endless scroll of our smartphones to consider central aspects of human experience that new technologies are altering, from memory, love, health, and freedom, to privacy, citizenship, and solitude. We will examine technological developments of the last 25 years within a longer historical view, attempting to slow down time through experiments with attention, embodiment, and aesthetics. Required resources include essays, articles, podcasts, spoken word performances, a documentary, artworks, and more. Participants must be prepared to engage in active, student-led discussions based on their understandings of readings and multimedia resources.