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CATALOGUE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Theories on Political Economy of Communication. Public monopolies and private oligopolies. Information control. Communication policy making: institutions, legislation, and funding. The role of the State and of public and private organizations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

1. Evaluate the relevance of public and private communication policies according to the historical contexts in which they are proposed.
2. Reflect on contemporary issues in political economy of communication, such as legislation, new markets, and the relations between government and media organizations.
3. Examine the main concerns regarding information and public interest on a global scale (the action of media conglomerates, new players in the media market, and information control).
4. Comprehend the main concepts in Communication and Democracy, discussing the media's role as a provider of public services and as a private company.

CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY PROCEDURES

Each week, students will be expected to:

1. Attend the lectures.
2. Read mandatory texts.
3. Participate in the discussion in all class sections.
4. Debate recent news associated to the course theme.
5. Complete and submit all assignments by due dates.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Unit 1 – Political Communication x Political Economy of Communication.

Unit 2 – Concept and history of Political Economy of Communication.

Unit 3 – Legislative aspects in Political Economy of Communication.

Unit 4 – Political Economy of Communication and the different media platforms.

Unit 5 – Monopolies and oligopolies: threats to democracy?

Unit 6 – Media and the State: is there an interdependence?



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GRADING

Evaluation of students enrolled in this course follows the criteria stated below:

- Midterm Exam: 40% of the final grade.
- Final Exam: 40% of the final grade.
- Group Seminars: 20% of the final grade.

BACKGROUND READING MATERIALS

BITELLI, Marcos Alberto Sant'anna (org.). Coletânea de Legislação de Comunicação Social. São Paulo: Editora Revista dos Tribunais. 2001.

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+ Other texts assigned by the professor.



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