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Course Description: This course provides an analysis of the use of digital technologies, especially the Internet, in politics. It explores the ways in which digital technologies are changing politics, both theoretically and in current political practice, and examines how individuals and institutions in Canada and internationally employ digital technologies as part of political practice.

This course considers the following questions:

- How are digital technologies currently being employed in democratic politics?
- Will digital technologies improve the quality of democracy, hinder it or have no effect?
- To what extent are electoral, advocacy, governance and news-making practices changing in relation to the use of the digital technologies?
- In what ways does the digital technologies expand or diminish the power/role of the citizen?

Topics will include:

- Internet voting
- Internet surveillance
- e-government
- e-campaigning
- digital citizenship