

Example topics: Here is a list of examples based on loosely on studies by previous students:

- What is misinformation - how and why does it spread on the Web?
- What factors might we consider when deciding between demanding identity authenticity or accommodating identity anonymity?
- Should the Web's infrastructure directly protect any of the following: payments, privacy or piracy?
- The media spotlight undermines an individual's right to privacy in the digital world. What perspectives could guide an informed debate?
- What effect is the Web having on higher Education - an educational and societal analysis.
- Investigating Web memes: how might government use viral videos to improve public health or public understanding.
- Should there be an international law of the web as there is an international law of the sea?
- Who is shaping education on the web - teachers, learners or big business?
- What is the impact on business and society resulting from the sale of pharmaceuticals online?
- Migrant communities and social media - how trails are laid and followed?
- Quantifying the financial impact of cybercrime to the economy: an economic and sociological perspective.
- How has the technological revolution overturned business models in rural deprived communities?
- Why, and to what extent, has crowdfunding replaced some traditional sources of business financing?
- What is greater - democratic threats or advances via social media? A philosophical and sociological investigation.
- Why do people show different behaviours online compared to the face-to-face?
- How much does an avatar cost? Self-representation through avatars in online gaming
- Is technology transforming banking on the Web?
- What is the extent of state-sponsored Cybercrime?
- How might sociology & economics help us understand current growth in the 'sharing economy'?
- Society and psychology: Investigating factors which contribute to trolling on social media.

Forms and Handins

Practice in the sharing ideas session

Questions

- Personal details
- The full title of degree on which you are registered (e.g. MSc Web Science, iPhD Web Science)
- Your soton email address (please double check it is correct!)
- reading group
- Topic Title
- How sure are you of your current choice (choose from scale)
- Discipline 1
- Discipline 2
- Other possible disciplines
- Example of questions you are investigating

Some time this week

Fill in the form

Explaining your tentative choice for a topic

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Practice Exercise

Spend a few minutes filling this in, and then we will go round the class in turn explaining what we are thinking of doing

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