COMP6037

Seminar on 1st November 2011: The Social Construction of Technology

**Task 1: Syndicate Reading**

Work in groups of 4. Each pick a different reading from the list, read ‘your’ chapter/paper and make notes

Readings:

Sismondo, S., ‘The Social Construction of Scientific and Technical Realities’ Chapter 6 in *An Introduction to Science and Technology Studies* Oxford, Blackwell.

Pinch, T., and Bijker, W., (1990) The social construction of facts and artefacts in Bijker, W., Hughes, T., and Pinch, T., (Eds) The Social Construction of Technological Systems

Winner, L., (1999) ‘Do artefacts have politics?’ in Mackenzie, D., and Wajcman, J., (Eds) The Social Shaping of Technology.

**Task 2: What are the implications of these perspectives for our understanding of the WWW?**

Read: Carr, L., Pope, C. and Halford, S. (2010) Could the Web be a Temporary Glitch? In: WebSci10: Extending the Frontiers of Society On-Line, April 26-27th, 2010, Raleigh, NC: US.