WEBS6201 21/10/13 Social Construction of technology

**Readings**

1. Sismondo Ch 6: The social construction of scientific and technical realities
2. Pinch T & Bijker W. *Soc Studies of Science* 1984;14:399-441
3. MacKenzie & Wajcman Ch 5: Kranakis E. Constructing a bridge.
4. Oudshoorn & Pinch *How Users Matter* Ch 3 Wyatt S: Non users also matter

* ensure that you understand the core arguments of each paper
* look up/note any new terminology (and questions you want to ask)
* think about your critical appraisal of the paper (what are the merits/demerits of the argument, evidence etc)

In the seminar we will spend about 5 minutes talking about each paper, and then - building on the lectures so far- discuss how these ideas might be used to think about the Web and Web Science.

At the end there will be some time for questions and a chance to note your key learning points.