**WEBS6201 14/10/15 Social Construction of technology**

**Readings**

**Read one of the following:**

1. Mackenzie, D., and Wajcman, J. (2006) ‘Introductory essay’ pp. 3-27 in *The Social Shaping of Technology* Mackenzie and Wajcman (Eds) Maidenhead, Open University Press.
2. Matthewman, S. (2013) *Technology and Social Theory* Chapter 5 pp. 92-103. Basingstoke, Palgrave.
3. Sismondo Ch 6: The social construction of scientific and technical realities
4. Kirkpatrick, G., (2008) Technology and Social Power pp.87-106 Basingstoke, Palgrave.

**And one of the following:**

1. Carr, Pope and Halford ‘Could the Web be a temporary glitch?’ *Web Science Conf. 2010*, April 26-27, 2010, Raleigh, NC, USA.
2. Halford, Pope and Carr ‘A Manifesto for Web Science’ *Web Science Conf.* 2010, April 26-27, 2010, Raleigh, NC, USA.
3. Beer, D. (2009) ‘Power through the algorithm? Participatory web cultures and the technological unconscious’ *New Media & Society* 11(6): 985-1002.

**In your groups:**

* Ensure that you understand the core arguments of each paper
* Look up/note any new terminology (and questions you want to ask)
* How well do these concepts apply to the Web?
* What are the implications of these arguments for Web Science? (What topics does/should Web Science address?)