

DH-500 Computational Social Media

Course Plan

Spring 2022, ELD 020

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Lectures, **Homeworks**, **Readings**, **Projects**, **Other**

Week & Date	AM session (10:15-12:00)	PM session (12:15-13:00)
25.02 Week 1	Class self-presentation Lecture 1: Introduction, part 1 Lecture 1: Introduction, part 2	Discussion about reading assignments Discussion about projects
04.03 Week 2	Readings assigned Lecture 2: Friending part 1 Lecture 2: Friending, part 2	HW #1: Facebook friends (deadline: 09.03) Practical Lecture 1: Setting up a Twitter developer account and getting data using the API Deadline to create project teams
11.03 Week 3	Discussion HW #1 Finish Lecture 2: Friending, part 2 Lecture 2: Friending, part 3	Project team mentors assigned Reading #1: Families on Facebook
18.03 Week 4	Lecture 2: Friending, part 4 Project ethical review procedure Lecture 3: Tweeting, part 1	Reading #2: Private traits and attributes are predictable from digital records of behavior
25.03 Week 5	Finish Lecture 3: Tweeting, part 1 Lecture 3: Tweeting, part 2 HW #2: Twitter data collection and descriptive analysis (deadline 14.04) Project pitch (5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes for questions per team)	Project pitch (5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes for questions per team)
01.04 Week 6	Lecture 3: Tweeting, part 3 Lecture 3: Tweeting, part 4	Reading #3: Big Questions for Social Media Big Data: Representativeness, Validity and Other Methodological Pitfalls
08.04 Week 7	Lecture 3: Tweeting, part 5	Reading #4: The spread of true and false news online

15.04 Week 8	No class (Easter Friday)	No class (Easter Friday)
22.04 Week 9	No class (EPFL Easter Holiday)	No class (EPFL Easter Holiday)
29.04 Week 10	Discussion HW #2 Lecture 4: Shooting, part 1 HW #3: topic models (deadline 16.05)	Project mid-term presentations (5 minutes presentation + 2 minutes for questions per team)
06.05 Week 11	Lecture 4: Shooting, part 2	Reading #5: Instagram photos reveal predictive markers of depression
13.05 Week 12	Lecture 5: Moving Discuss indicative student feedback	Reading #6: Using deep learning and Google Street View to estimate the demographic makeup of neighborhoods across the United States
20.05 Week 13	Projects: discuss format for final presentation & report Discussion HW #3 Lecture 6: Watching	Reading #7: 6 Seconds of Sound and Vision: Creativity in Micro-Videos
27.05 Week 14	Lecture 7: Crowdsourcing HW #4: content moderation (deadline 01.06)	Reading #8: Man is to Computer Programmer as Woman is to Homemaker? Debiasing Word Embeddings
03.06 Week 15	Discussion HW #4 Lecture 8: Society	Reading #9: Towards Fairer Datasets: Filtering and Balancing the Distribution of the People Subtree in the ImageNet Hierarchy Reading #10: Reduced, Reused and Recycled: The Life of a Dataset in Machine Learning Research
10.06	Project presentation day full day	
17.06	Project reports due 7pm	