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SUMMER
SCHOOL

2023

SOCIAL MEDIA *and* SOCIAL CHANGE



COURSE OUTLINE

This course explores relationships between social media and social change in global contexts. The topics covered focus on the uses of social media (also referred to as new or digital media) to mobilize masses of people in various locations over the last 30 years. Specific cases, such as the Zapatista uprising of 1994, Greta Thunberg's climate change movement, Reddit and the GameStop story, Brexit, and cryptocurrencies will illustrate the role of social media across global contexts. The course will use a workshop format to define concepts, analyze case studies, and develop collaborative projects. The course will explore the following questions:

- Could the movement propagate or even exist without contemporary internet technology and social media platforms?
- Is the movement governed/coordinated by a central agent, or is it decentralized?
- Who is the target audience for the social media campaign?

- How do individuals participate in the social movement through social media?
- What are the fundamental discursive devices (slogans, catch phrases, themes, memes, etc.) used on social media platforms to create a social movement?

SUMMER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 35 instructional hours including guest lectures, cultural activities, and field trips.
- Cultural excursions to Detroit, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline and sand dunes.
- One-week-long East Coast trip including Niagara Falls, Washington D.C. and New York City.
- Opportunities to meet and share experiences with college students from all around the world, including German Fulbright students.



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PROGRAM DATES • July 23 - August 12, 2023

JULY 23	Arrival in East Lansing and check-in at dorms
JULY 24 - AUGUST 4	Program at MSU East Lansing campus
AUGUST 5 - 12 7 nights, 8 days	East Coast Trip Niagara Falls, New York City and Washington, D.C.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- All morning sessions will take place from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise.
- All afternoon sessions will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Salah D. Hassan is an associate professor in the Department of English, and the director of the Global Studies in the Arts & Humanities Program at Michigan State University. He teaches courses that focus on literatures of empire, anti-colonial intellectual movements, and Arab American and Muslim American cultural production.

Dr. Ivan Maksymyk is an instructor in the Department of Information Technology at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Montréal with a focus on deep learning and neural networks, and machine learning applications in finance.

FEES

- \$3,900 USD (Early Bird Price, \$4,100 if paid after May 15, 2023)
- \$300 discount for previous VIPP Virtual School attendees
- Includes tuition, on-campus housing, MSU breakfast and lunch, local transportation related to the program, Detroit airport pick up (designated time only), health insurance, all field trips and all expenses of the East Coast tour (shared room)
- Fee does not include international or domestic airfare, dinner, or any other living costs.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university
- Any major
- Intermediate English skills

SUMMER SCHOOL AWARD

Joint certificate by the Visiting International Professional Program and Michigan State University Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities

APPLICATION

Application opens on March 1, 2023 and closes on June 16, 2023.

Contact us at vippmsu@msu.edu for further information.



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