

SOCIOLOGY OF THE 21ST CENTURY

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Required Texts: 3 volume work by Manuel Castells, The Information Age: Economy, Society, and Culture

1. Volume 1: The Rise of the Net Work Society
2. Volume 2: The Power of Identity
3. Volume 3: End of Millennium

Recommended Texts:

1. Alkalimat, Gills, and Williams, eds., JOB?TECH
2. Pierre Levy, Collective Intelligence

Requirements and Grades:

1. Select a topic (one page, requires approval) 10%
DUE JAN 18
2. Annotated Bibliography (20 books and articles, half page on each) 10 %
DUE FEB 25
3. Annotated Webliography (10 web sites, one page on each) 10%
DUE MARCH 18
4. Power Point presentation (10 - 15 slides) 30%
DUE APRIL 27 AND 29
5. 10 page paper (text, not front and back material), with all other material attached) 40%
DUE MAY 4

Class sessions:

Week 1: introduction, and historical perspective

Week 2 & 3: Read 327 pages of Castells Vol 1

NEXT CLASS SESSION FEBRUARY 2ND (Make up sessions will be scheduled)