



Centre for Culture, Media and Governance
Jamia Millia Islamia
New Delhi-25



Organises

Collaborative Course
on

Digital Media and Political Participation

through

Video Conference Mode

with

York University, Toronto

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Course Description

This course co-taught by Comcult, York University and CCMG Jamia faculty introduces students to the way digital media have an impact on political participation and precipitated change in the character of citizenship. We will particularly examine the internet and mobile devices and look at both their direct and indirect impact on political participation, protest movements and citizenship. The emergence of new forms of political participation outside the institutionalized and representative modes of participation has been greatly facilitated by digital media. Yet, it would be difficult to understand the impact of digital media in isolation from traditional media in a society where the reach of the internet is limited. Therefore, we will also critically examine the convergence between traditional and digital media and how this is transforming the nature and modes of political participation both at election time and between elections. What role has the digital media played in transforming election outcomes and changing the political landscape?

The course will focus on both theories and practices of digital media and political participation. The American 2008 and 2012 presidential elections, the six month 2012 Québec student strike, the anticorruption movements in India, Indonesia and the Ukraine, the surprising win of India's common man party are examples to draw on. As well the role of whistleblowers such as Edward Snowden and Julian Assange raise many questions about access to information, citizen rights and national security. The first part of the course will analyze various theories and concepts in the field of digital media and political communication/political participation, while the second part will focus more on the cases. Most of the cases will be selected from India, but we will also look at the cases outside of India as it will help in getting comparative perspectives and enrich our understanding of the subject. Since the field of digital political participation is quite dynamic, the topics and readings might change during the course.

Class Timing:

Because this is a joint course and there is a significant time difference between New Delhi and Toronto the start time will be at 8:15 AM in York's video centre. The course will begin on September 3 and the final joint seminar will end on October 29. During the month of November the York students will meet separately to finish their assignments and seminar discussions. The course will end up in the November for York students.

Session 1: September 16, 2015

Digital media and counter-publics with Jamia participation

Session 2: September 23, 2015

Digital media and long cycles of dissent

Session 3: September 30, 2015

Digital Media and contemporary protest movements at time of global dissent two case studies

Session 4: October 07, 2015

Election Campaigns and Digital Age 2014 Modi Election

Session 5: October 14, 2015

Grassroots savvy YOUTH mobilization: MEDIA Activism versus Clicktivism

Session 6: October 28, 2015

Net privacy & surveillance

Venue: CCMG Video Conference Hall, CCMG, JMI

**Time: 05:15 PM (for all the dates, IST)
08:15 AM (Toronto Time)**