



PHI 305: SOCIAL POWER & ETHICS OF THE INTERNET

This course will explore the ethical contours of how power plays out in online and digital life. We will examine topics including:

- Race, gender, and anonymity online
- Online harassment, trolling, and doxing
- Echo chambers, fake news, and conspiracy theories
- Dogwhistles, memes, digital blackface, and the communicative role of emojis
- Community building, solidarity, and revolution fueled by social media

Readings will be drawn from contemporary philosophy—including social epistemology, feminist philosophy, and philosophy of language—as well as adjacent disciplines, such as media studies, linguistics and critical race theory.

