

## POLITICS AND THE INTERNET

Professor: Dr. **Caterina FROIO**  
Session: **June 2025**  
Language of instruction: **English**  
Number of hours of class: **36h**



### Objective of the Course

Are digital platforms revolutionizing politics, or do they merely mirror existing power structures? The course examines the digital transformation of politics, focusing on how Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are reshaping governance, political competition, and society. Through an interdisciplinary approach combining political science, communication studies, and data analysis, participants will explore the intersection of information technologies and political processes. By engaging with research and real-world case studies, participants will develop the analytical skills needed to critically assess the impact of digital platforms on political processes, understand technological influences on governance and political campaigns, and explore emerging trends in e-government and the role of ICTs in voting behavior and social movements.



### Main themes

- ✓ Digital governance and E-government transformation
- ✓ Elections and social movements in the social media era
- ✓ Populism, extremism and artificial intelligence



### Bibliography

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- Jungherr, A., & Schroeder, R. (2021). Disinformation and the structural transformations of the public arena: Addressing the actual challenges to democracy. *Social Media + Society*, 7(1).



## Professor's Biography



### **Dr. Caterina Froio**

is Associate Professor of Political Science at Sciences Po, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics. Her research focuses on far-right politics and illiberalism, (digital) media, and political participation.