

Public Sphere and Media Analysis

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From week n°2 each participant will be invited to read a scientific journal's paper or book chapter before our weekly meeting.

Pr Erik Neveu would suggest as two useful readings before starting this course:

- Jurgen Habermas' book "*The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere: Inquiry into a Category of Bourgeois Society* » (Polity Press, 1992)
- and/or - Michael Schudson's "*The Power of News*" Harvard University Press, 1996.

I Media and Society Two Grand Narratives

Weeks 1 and 2

Habermas: The Rise and fall of the Public Sphere

Habermas Book's "The public sphere", its receptions and criticisms.

Weeks 3, 4 & 5

Modernity as a "Communication Society"?

The making of a modern myth

Communication Society: promised Land or Big Brother's realm ,

A popular myth: why?

Giving historical depth to the "Communication society"

II Wanted: Sociological explanations To make sense of modern press and media

Week 6

Press and Media with capital letters or "Journalistic Field"?

The institutionalized space of news and cultural production. Searching for relationships between cultural goods and audiences. Mediascapes.

Week 7

Current trends and changes in political communication.

Week 8

Rethinking Internet

Week 9

Which Media power? Models, Questioning and debating the "Power" of the press and Media.

Week 10

Reception studies: Are audiences powerless cultural dopes? Is there one and only one, universal way of "receiving" media messages?
