

Selected courses in English in the academic year 2010/11

KUL institute/department:	Institute of Sociology/ Department of Social Microstructures and Contemporary Sociological Theories
Course title:	Communities in Cyberspace
Lecturer (name, surname):	Alina Betlej
Title/position:	Phd
ECTS credits:	3
Course duration (1 st , 2 nd or both semesters):	2 nd semester
Number of hours per week:	Two hours
Course type:	Monographic Lecture
Level:	
Course description:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cyberspace as the Social Space. 2. Approaching Cybercommunities. 3. Cyberbodies and Post- (Cyber)bodies. 4. Identity and deception of Virtual Community. 5. Social Order and Control. 6. Community Structure and Dynamics. 7. Cyberculture. 8. Collective Action. 9. The Moral Landscape in Cyberspace. 10. Cybercolonization. 11. Reworking the Workplace. 12. The Social-Web Economy.
Required reading list:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marc A. Smith, Peter Kollock (edited by), <i>Communities in Cyberspace</i>, Routledge, London and New York 2000. 2. William J. Mitchell, <i>E-topia</i>, The MIT Press/Cambridge MA, London 1999. 3. James Brook, Iain A. Boal (edited by), <i>Resisting the Virtual Life. The Culture and Politics of Information</i>, City Lights, San Francisco 1995. 4. Robert M. Baird, Reagan Ramsower, Stuart E. Rosenbaum (edited by), <i>Cyberethics. The Social and Moral Issues in the Computer Age</i>, Prometheus Books, New York 2000. 5. David Bell, <i>An Introduction to Cybercultures</i>, Routledge, London and New York 2001. 6. David R. Koepsell, <i>The Ontology of Cyberspace</i>, Open Court, Chicago and La Salle 2000. 7. David Bell, Barbara M. Kennedy (edited by), <i>The</i>

	<i>Cybercultures reader</i> , Routledge, London and New York 2001.
Prerequisites:	To know English language, intermediated level required
Assessment method:	Attendance and activity at lectures, essay on agreed theme
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