

98-377 The Way We Live Now, Fall 2020

This course is broken up into four parts, each centered around a different question:

- 1. Breaking down our idea of human experience (How have we defined a "person" through history?)
- 2. Reflecting on our current human experience (What is different about tHe WaY wE liVe NoW?)
- 3. How we got here (Are the factors that govern our experience inevitable?)
- 4. Where we go from here (How do we design (for) humans of the future?)

This is a discussion based course with one short reading per week. The goal is to create a space at CMU where we can have cool chats relevant to our interests! The topics focus on themes relating technology and humans, and although we will mainly look at reality-based examples, a lot of ideas brought up play out in sci-fi books and Black Mirror. This will be fun!



Your mind is going to explode sir



some sites/resources to get a taste:
https://reallifemag.com
https://www.newyorker.com/contributors/zadie-smith
(or some of my personal favorites-)
https://tinyurl.com/u998xv7

P.S. If you're interested in looking at the syllabus before signing up, don't hesitate to reach out to me at abandi@andrew.cmu.edu!