

Philosophy 282R
Spring, 1990

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Tu./Th. 3:30-4:30
and by appointment

TEXT: Albert Borgmann, Technology and the Character of Contemporary Life
(Chicago: U. of Chicago Press, 1984)
Some photocopied material

ASSIGNMENTS:

James Burke, "Connections," Part I: "The Trigger Effect" (Film)

Borgmann (Unless otherwise indicated)

Part One The Problem of Technology

- Chapter 1 Technology and Theory
2 Theories of Technology
Emmanuel Mesthene, "Technology and Wisdom"
Jacques Ellul, "The Technological Order"
3 The Choice of a Theory
4 Scientific Theory
5 Scientific Explanation
6 The Scope of Scientific Explanation
7 Science and Technology

Part Two The Character of Technology

- 8 The Promise of Technology
9 The Device Paradigm
10 The Foreground of Technology
11 Devices, Means, and Machines
12 Paradigmatic Explanation
13 Technology and the Social Order
14 Technology and Democracy
15 The Rule of Technology
16 Political Engagement and Social Justice
17 Work and Labor
18 Leisure, Excellence, and Happiness
19 The Stability of Technology

Part Three The Reform of Technology

- 20 The Possibilities of Reform
21 Deictic Discourse
22 The Challenge of Nature
23 Focal Things and Practices
24 Wealth and the Good Life
25 Political Affirmation
26 The Recovery of the Promise of Technology

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Two in-class exams; a short paper (5pp) on a topic chosen by the student; a final examination

Due Dates and Course Grade:

First Examination: 20% - February 15 (Th)

Second Examination: 20% - March 22 (Th)

Final: 30% (See College Schedule)

Paper: 20% - April 12 (Th)

Quality of Class Presence: 10% (Lost if more than two unexcused absences)