

Information and Communications Technology Policy (PUBP 6502)

Class Description

This class provides an in-depth examination and analysis of the political context and processes surrounding the merging and evolution of communications and telecommunications technologies. The course covers ICT policy making within the executive branch and regulatory agencies, pertinent court cases, the role of industry, and other special interest groups. Topics include key contemporary domestic and international ICT issues.

Topical Outline by Week

- 1: History and overview of the Executive branch in ICT policy.
- 2: History and overview of the regulatory agencies in ICT policy.
- 3: ICT technologies in communications and telecommunications.
- 4: Current ICT policies and the politics that impact the issues.
- 5: Critical ICT institutions and protocols.
- 6: ICT high tech development and trends.
- 7: Information technology, access to information, privacy and the political process.
- 8: Class policy/political debate on special interest vs. public protections.
- 9: ICT from a global perspective.
- 10: Global spectrum management and governance issues.
- 11: International considerations in domestic policy and regulatory arenas.
- 12: International trends vs. domestic concerns in ICT convergence.
- 13: Class policy/political debate on domestic vs. international interests in ICT.
- 14: Barriers and opportunities for policymakers and regulators in a new ICT era.
- 15: Research paper presentations.
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