Algorithmic Responsibility and Regulation (or lack thereof) Presentation October 16, 2017

Videos.

TED Talks - What FACEBOOK And GOOGLE Are Hiding From The World - The Filter Bubble

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6vM4dhI9I8

Anil Dash on The Web We Lost

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KKMnoTTHJk

Readings:

Digital Market Manipulation by Ryan Calo

http://www.gwlr.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Calo 82 41.pdf

Context

- What are algorithms
- How are they being used on the Internet

Ethical Issues

- Direct and indirect stakeholders
- Personal privacy and surveillance culture
- Implications for circulation of information
 - Fake news
 - Information bubble
 - Echo chamber
- Censorship
- No customization or feedback loop
- Taking away the democratization of the Internet

Commercial Implications and Data Commodification

- Unconscious consumer habits
- Selling our data to marketers and its implications
- Consumer protective legislation
- Differential pricing
- Advertising codes of conduct

Information Policy

- Can these algorithms be controlled?
- What would algorithm regulation look like?
- Who should be held responsible?
- Human rights commission
- Trust law
- Self regulation
- At what point should the law kick in?