

Technology and Canadian Society

Canadian Studies 491

Section: E100

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Discussion Topics: scription:

This course examines the relationship between technology and society from a Canadian perspective. It provides a means for students to survey the broad debates on the role of technology in economic growth, employment, communications and even reproduction as well as a forum to explore how selected issues affect social life. We shall also examine what has been termed the Canadian "discourse" tradition, or school of technology where authors such as Harold Innis, George Grant and Marshall McLuhan have made an increasingly internationally recognized contribution to the critical understanding of the broad social, historical, cultural and social impact of technology.

Through this course students should: