



## International Diploma in Data, Surveillance and Democracy

### COURSE 2: SOCIAL NETWORKS, FAKE NEWS AND DEMOCRATIC CRISIS ECONOMY

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#### *Learning route*

The course lasts for five (5) weeks, distributed as indicated in the following table:

Week 1	Week 2 to 4	Week 5
Presentation and thematic introduction of the course, digital platform and of the participants.	Development for the objectives and specific contents of the course.	Recapitulation and final project.

*The corresponding materials will be opened on **Thursdays of each week**, so that the participants are not overloaded with activities on weekends.*

## Learning results

<b>General learning result</b>	
You will identify the digitization mechanisms that affect the relationship between people, information and democracy.	
<b>Specific learning results</b>	
Week 1	You will meet the coordinating teacher, in relation to the theme of the course and his motivation for teaching it, as well as an introduction to the knowledge that will be addressed over the following weeks.
Week 2	We will revisit the concept of data colonialism and apply it to the design and impact of social media, enhancing our understanding of the various power relationships involved and what this can mean for an entire nation-state.
Week 3	We'll examine what billion-dollar data and technology corporations have to gain and lose in today's disinformation landscape, as well as organizing against attacks on digital rights.
Week 4	Through various lenses, we will look at different rules and regulations that govern data and technology platforms, assessing the role they play in building authoritarian right-wing politics.
Week 5	You will reflect on the topics covered in the course, together with the completion of the transformative project and the peer evaluation.

## Program

Week	Start date	Contents	Learning resources: activity
1	Thursday August 24, 2023	<b>Introduction to social networks, fake news and democratic crisis.</b>	<p>Audiovisual welcome to the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers greetings.</li> <li>● How the platform work</li> <li>● The evaluations</li> <li>● Approval and certification</li> <li>● Learning route.</li> <li>● Introductory interview to the subject.</li> </ul> <p>Review of the text to coexist in the course: our <i>Pluriversity Policy of Teaching Action</i>.</p> <p>Text and graphic material to introduce the learning route.</p> <p>Forum for presentation, expectations and debate.</p> <p>Procedural and communication aspects in the course.</p> <p>Virtual library. Presentation and use.</p> <p>Essential reading of the week.</p> <p>Progress 1 of the final project.</p>
2	Thursday August 31, 2023	<p><b>Social media platforms in democratic processes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fake news and the Chilean constitutional vote of 2022.</li> <li>● The toxicity of social media platforms and the redesign of social media.</li> <li>● Data Colonialism 2.0.</li> </ul>	<p>Greetings.</p> <p>Theme and sub-themes of the week.</p> <p>Case or testimony or quote or image.</p> <p>Problematizing question for the discussion forum.</p> <p>Written and audiovisual material essential and complementary to the theme corresponding to the school week.</p>

3	Thursday September 7, 2023	<b>Defense of digital rights.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The role of big tech and data corporations.</li> <li>● Development and defense of digital rights today.</li> </ul>	Formative evaluation to measure learning based on the corresponding weekly contents.
4	Thursday September 14, 2023	<b>Algorithmic technologies and moderation policies.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The rise of authoritarianism through algorithmic technologies.</li> <li>● The content moderation policy and platform governance.</li> </ul>	Formative evaluation to measure learning based on the corresponding weekly contents..
5	Thursday September 28, 2023	<b>We finish, just to begin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recapitulation of the topics covered.</li> <li>● Guidelines for the final project.</li> </ul>	Synthesis of the course contents and delivery of the guidelines for the final project, with a discussion forum.  Closing survey.  Delivery of the final project.  Instructions related to certification.

## ***Evaluation and certification***

The course includes formative assessments and a final assessment.

Each week includes an **automated formative assessment**. This means that once answered, you will immediately know the result and with the correct answers justified so that they serve as feedback in your learning.

The final evaluation has two components: the design of a **project** and a **peer evaluation**. **Both activities are mandatory for those who wish to obtain the certification of the course.**

The **final project** is that, using the learning achieved in the course, you design a concrete action that generates a significant change in the community where you live, thus generating a positive impact on the lives of those around you. To reach the final project, each week you will have the opportunity to make a formative progress.

**Co-evaluation** is the process in which you must evaluate two projects from your classmates that you will receive randomly, completing an evaluation guideline (rubric) that we will also send you in a timely manner.

You will find all the details of orientations, instructions, deadlines, guidelines and spaces for consultations in the corresponding week.

Regarding the **certification**, it is contemplated that the respective document be jointly endorsed by the institutions that collaborated for the development and production of the course. Consequently, the approval will be co-certified by the following entities:

- Universidad Abierta of Recoleta
- MIJENTE

## ***Diploma certification***

Below you can see in detail which are the courses that make up this diploma:

<b>Diploma UAR - MIJENTE</b>			
<b>Diploma in Data, Surveillance and Democracy</b>			
<b>Course 1</b>	<b>Course 2</b>	<b>Course 3</b>	<b>Course 4</b>
Digital revolution and data economy	<b>Social networks, fake news and democratic crisis</b>	Rebellion against technology at the service of surveillance	Real utopias: what do we do with digital technologies?

We remind you that, in order to obtain the diploma certification, it is essential to pass **all the courses** that make up this diploma.

Both participation and certification (if the aforementioned requirements are met), as well as all the training activities of the Universidad Abierta de Recoleta, are completely free for its participants.

**If you have any questions regarding this workshop, its implementation and application, please write to us by email [tutorship@uarecoleta.cl](mailto:tutorship@uarecoleta.cl)**