

415: Environmental Interventions - Homework 4

Due: Sept 25.

Goals:

- To reflect on IT and its relationship to modernist regimes of control
- To continue preparing for short essay 1

1. Starting discussions

Answers to these questions do not need to be in the form of polished writing. The goal is to get you thinking about the issues we'll be discussing in this course. Bring your answers in written form to class for discussion.

1a. (1-2 paragraphs) To what extent, according to these authors we are reading this week, does IT follow in the modernist model we discussed in the last class?

1b. (1 paragraph) Consider your favorite piece of IT software or electronic consumer good. Would you consider it to be designed in a 'modernist' or 'postmodernist' way? Why?

2. Preparatory work for Short Essay 1

Prior to doing this part of the homework, please be sure you have read the short essay assignment.

Select one of the readings from your annotated bibliography.

2a. (1 paragraph) Summarize the author's argument in this reading: what is the overall point of the reading? What are the highlights of the authors' arguments?

2b. (2-3 paragraphs) What light does this reading shed on your short essay? How will you use the ideas it contains to inform the argument you will be making?

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