

Social Futurology

Syllabus Number

SOC-109

Elective

2 credit

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1. Course Description

This course aims to think about the future from the points of view of the present society. We project several present social problems to the future. We may be reminded of problems as the extermination of mankind, the class struggle, the hyper-controlled society, robots' revolt against human, and biohazard etc. These subjects are signs of our mental fears and are taking place in reality. Therefore they are taken up by novels and cinemas. We consider them by means of watching some excellent SF cinemas. What is in question in this course are the development in the future as a fantasy and the universality of social problems for mankind. Sociology has planned the future as the stage theory of development traditionally. We critically analyze this stereotyped futurology by our imagination.