

**Position Paper for the Second Web Science Curriculum Workshop (WSCW2)  
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**Modules and Topics of Interest:**

- History of Technology and the Web
- Nature of the web: as a Platform? Language? Media? Network? (How does it differ from other forms of technology)
- How does technology differ from science? Does it?
- Web and global citizenship
- Issues in e-Governance (Should all countries move towards it?)
- Comparative Web culture in Asia (Japan/Korea/China) Vs (Europe or Latin America)
- Research Methods: to conduct e-research and studies on the web
- Testing research methodologies: virtual ethnography etc.
- Web and destruction/ assimilation of cultural diversity
- Web and empowerment of the marginalised (nations, regions, youth etc.)
- Ethics of e-Research
- Web and its impact on public participation and awareness in governance

**Resources for course delivery and assessment**

- Project: Comparative study of web use between and within departments to
- Auto-ethnographic/ Reflective accounts (Testing new research methodologies)
- Establishing/ Supporting a non-profit or philanthropic initiative connecting students to the developing world (for e.g. an e-mentoring programme for high schools students/ pre-university students in Nepal)
- The above-mentioned initiative can then be used as a case study
- Creating a web-based multi-university research centre for students from different programmes for the online modules
- Organise Student-led conferences
- Letting students create one module of the course (to change very year)