

History and Philosophy of the Information Society

21 December 12.00-14.00 hours

Part Computer and Law (suggestion: 30 minutes)

Nota bene: The answers for the two parts should be given on separate sheets! Don't forget to put your name and number on al sheets.

Question 1

The owner of Facebook is not pleased with the Social Net movie. He wants to forbid all references to the movie on Facebook. All pictures, text, etc. related to the movie will be automatically removed.

Do you think he is legally allowed to do so?

Question 2

The company ABC has a website abc.com. They are established in the Netherlands, but sell only English books and the language of the site is English.

Do you think Dutch law applies to their website?

Could you mention two information requirements (information that has to be disclosed to customers) that, in case Dutch law applies, should be provided?

Part History (suggestion: 90 minutes)

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Question

Write an essay on the *development of information processing* by man the course of human history.

(The word Information is used in a broad sense of the word, but it is restricted to information that is in principle audible, visible, touchable, etc.)

Try to indicate *when and why* what you are describing happened. Try to relate the developments to the *growing complexity of society*.

Information always represents something, real or a product of the imagination. That makes it possible to create *simulations* or imitations by means of information processing

machines. Devote a section to this aspect of the development of information processing at the end of your essay.