AMS 05:
Technology in US Culture

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SECTIONS: Thurs 4:10-6:00 (CRN 44198)
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Is the Internet rewiring our brains? Does air conditioning bring us together, or isolate us? If our trash could talk, what would it teach us about the way we design our world? Is bigger really better? When does complexity rescue us, and when is it just in the way?

Climate change is emerging as the most fundamental issue confronting humanity. After 200 years of enlisting technology to transform the Earth, we are learning that our survival depends on enlisting the Earth to transform our technology. And that is as much a cultural project as a technological one.

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