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General Introduction

PART I. BASIC CONCEPTS: WHAT WORK IS

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Is Work an Opportunity or Imperative?—Political, Economic, Ethical, Class Dimensions of Work

- + Wood, from *The Origin of Capitalism*
- + Arnesen, “Work Ethic,” from *Encyclopedia of US Labor and Working-Class History*
- + OED definitions of *work*, *labor*, *toil*, *drudgery* (*skim*)
- + Marx, “The Secret of Primitive Accumulation,” from *Capital* (*skim*)

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Machines and Class Power—Conception and Execution

- + Taylor, from *Principles of Scientific Management*
- + “Ford and Taylor Scientific Management” (YouTube)
- + Braverman, “Labor and Labor Power,” “Machinery,” from *Labor and Monopoly Capital*
- + *Modern Times* (in class)

PART II. US CULTURES OF WORK

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The Post-Fordist Work Ethic—the New Spirit of Capitalism—Office Work

- + Weeks, intro to *The Problem with Work*
- + Crawford, “Contradictions of the Cubicle,” in *Shopclass as Soulcraft*
- + “Interview with Arlie Hochschild” (YouTube)
- + *Office Space* (in class)

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Riots—Deindustrialization—Rap, Crack, and the Work of Drug Dealing

- + Clover, introduction to *Riot. Strike. Riot*
- + “Joshua Clover: Riot. Strike. Riot.” SFU Woodward’s (Soundcloud)
- + Watkins, “Lessons of a Former Dope Dealer”
- + Boogie Down Productions, “Love’s Gonna Get’cha” (YouTube+Genius)
- + Notorious BIG, “Things Done Changed” (YouTube+Genius)
- + Freeway, “What We Do” (YouTube + Genius)
- + *The Wire*, “McNuggets” (YouTube)

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Mexican Americans—Build the Wall!—They Take Our Jobs!

- + Ramírez, “Tijuana, Ciudad del Futuro”

- + Chomsky, from *They Steal Our Jobs!*
- + Minian, “An Unintended Side-Effect of Trump’s Wall”
- + *Sleep Dealer* (in class)
- + Srnicek, “The \$100 Trillion Case for Open Borders” (*skim*)

PART III. FUTURES

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The Current Automation Wave

- + Ford, “The Automation Wave,” in *Rise of the Robots*
- + Ford, “White Collar Jobs at Risk,” in *Rise of the Robots* (*skim*)

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Autonomous Cars

- + Ford, “Autonomous Cars,” in *Rise of the Robots*
- + Moor, “What Happens to the American Myth?”
- + Doctorow, “Car Wars” (*skim*)

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Care work

- + Turkle, from *Alone Together*

- + Tufekci, “When Robots Come for Grandma”
- + *Her* (in class)

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Automation-Hyper-Consumerism

- + Arendt, from *The Human Condition*
- + *Wall-E* (in class)
- + “Your Guide to the Wall-E Controversy” (online)

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Universal Basic Income

- + Ford, “Toward a New Economic Paradigm,” in *Rise of the Robots*
- + Frase, from *Four Futures*

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Final exam