

Veranstalter	Annette Deutschendorf
Thema	The future of work
Art der Veranstaltung	Business/Vocational English C (ENG-22)
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-640
Zeit	2st. Fr 10-12
Raum	digital via Agora und MS Teams
Beginn	6. November 2020

Course description:

Robotics and artificial intelligence will continue to affect industries, the type of skills that are in demand and the overall demand for labour. In addition to this long-term trend, the response to the Covid-19 pandemic meant that suddenly much larger numbers of employees worked from home, also in professions where this would not have been deemed possible a year ago. It is now being discussed whether this will have a long-term effect on the way we work.

After the introductory sessions, participants will prepare presentations that explain how robotics and AI could affect a range of industries and workplaces, using the required reading as a starting point. Topics will be discussed at the beginning of term and you are welcome to suggest a relevant topic you would like to research and present.

To help you develop your skills as a writer, we will have several sessions that combine input on the topic with a writing skills focus to prepare you for writing the end-of-term essay.

Some information on the format of the presentations: Internet connections may not always be reliable enough concerning the bandwidth needed for live presentations. You will be asked to prepare and upload a PowerPoint presentation (around 12-15 minutes long) with your own audio commentary instead. Team presentations on a joint topic will be possible, but each speaker will need to upload their own presentation on an aspect of the topic. I will provide tutorials that help you with preparing your presentation. Some of you will also recognize this format from the past B-course, where it worked well for us.

Reading and writing assignments will be set as homework to provide further input and language practice. At the beginning of the course, we will discuss which language topics we think will be most helpful for you.

Required reading (this will be the starting point for choosing presentation topics, so if possible please make an effort to read at least the first chapters in advance):

Andrés Oppenheimer, *The robots are coming! The future of jobs in the age of automation*, Vintage Books 2019 – Paperback ISBN 978-0-525-56500-0 ca €15, e-book ISBN 978-0-525-56501-7

The seminar is aimed at MEd students of "Lehramt Berufliche Schulen" with English as a subject. Erasmus students are welcome, but should be aware that this is a course at Master level and a C1 level is expected.

Course requirements:

- presentation (graded)
- book review ('Studienleistung': pass/fail)
- active participation (discussions, homework)
- essay of 2300-2500 words on the course topic, related to your professional background (This course was moved to a digital format due to the pandemic. The end-of-term exam as an

alternative to the essay is not available in this semester.)

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