

INF5210 Group 7

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Today

- Short about Final exam
- Group 6 and 7's presentations

Exam 2002

- <http://www.ifi.uio.no/inis/grupper/INIS-hjemme.htm>
 - I. **About infrastructure**
 - II. **Actor-network theory**
 - III. **From the project work**

I. About infrastructure

- Explain your understanding of an *infrastructure* and an *information infrastructure*. Provide examples of different types of infrastructure.
- Use at least three different articles (or chapters) to illustrate how these concepts are used in analysing an infrastructure.
 - Installed base
 - Networks externalities
 - Universal design
 - path dependency
 - lock-in
 - Bootstrapping
- How does Giddens and Becks' notion of '*reflexivity*' and '*risk society*' relate to development of information infrastructures?

II. Actor-network theory

- short introduction to ANT that should be understood by persons not familiar with the Science and Technology Studies literature
- Argue how ANT may be applied
- To what extent do you think that the terms *cultivation, improvisation and drifting* is relevant for this work?

III. From the project work

- Describe what application areas and user group(s) the infrastructure is aiming at.
- Describe briefly the strategy for this work
- Identify the factors you believe is most critical
- Discuss: *universalism* versus *heterogeneity*

