FYSM 1506B
Creative Sociology

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Graphic novels, comics, podcasts, photo essays, zines, vlogs, videos and many other types of 'do it yourself' forms of communication have become very popular in recent years. This course will explore and utilize many of these 'D.I.Y.' media in the form of assignments and class projects-to help us to think about, and tell stories about society through these media. We will read, analyze, think about, listen to and create graphic novels, comics, podcasts, photo-essays, vlogs, zines, radioplays etc.

Even those without any drawing, video or audio skills have found ways to tell stories about their worlds, and the people in them using a wide range of basic multi-media tools. This year, we will be experimenting with generative AI to help create compelling and engaging visual stories for assignments and projects. Students will learn and combine traditional academic learning skills with more hands-on practical and creative 'making skills' to explore innovative ways to tell compelling sociological stories about their world and the people in them.