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Cybersecurity: A Guide for the Perplexed

Cybersecurity is one of the most important elements in national and international affairs, yet it remains one of the most misunderstood aspects of the security infrastructure. This course will cover everything from personal security online (is my smart TV spying on me?) to international threats (can Russian hackers really change an American election?). This material will be presented in a clear, accessible, and user-friendly format, so both absolute beginners and more experienced tech-users will find much to enrich and expand their understanding of this important topic.

Week One (September 28)
The architecture of cyberspace

Week Two (October 5)
Anatomy of a attack: from Trojan horses to botnets

Week Three (October 12)
Hacker's delight: destroying the system only makes it stronger

Week Four (October 19)
Understanding cyberwar: how real is the threat?

Week Five (October 26)
What can be done: why the law struggles in cyberspace

Week Six (November 2)
The next internet: from digital Balkanization to the Dark Net