Home Assignment 1

• A) Join the social network at webscience.ning.com (you can use a pseudonym without a photo) and add a relation to me (required). Add relations to colleagues you know and/or Gabi (as you wish).

• B) Find at least one scientific, and one popular-science or news articles related to “Web Science”
  – two in total, papers listed on the course website are excluded, papers may not have “Web Science” in the title or text, but you need to make it clear why you think they are related to the topics of this course

• Read and try to understand it
• Try to answer questions, such as
  – What is Web Science? Why is it important? What can it contribute to our knowledge of the world?
  – Why is it difficult to define it?
  – To which other disciplines would a Science of the Web be related?

• Write down your thoughts in a 300 word paragraph
• Send your two articles (URLs), your paragraph, your Ning user name and your Matr. Number to the Tutor via e-mail
• We will discuss your views and opinions at the beginning of next week’s course