

PHILOSOPHY

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Information society – a mirage of futurologists or the becoming future?

It is made an attempt to understand what an information society is, how it differs from other types of society, and whether it is possible to say that the information age has already come. To do this, we examine the phenomenon of the information society in its various interpretations, conducting a comparative analysis of different theoretical concepts of it, analyzing existing economic indicators, developments in the field of management and emerging socio-cultural trends. Comparing the ideas of futurologists of the second half of the XX century with the modern development of information technologies, we also try to find out to what extent these forecasts were justified, and how much the modern society has changed as a result. Information society, or knowledge society, is explored in its close relationship with the concept of post-industrial society, where the level of technological development simultaneously opens up new horizons for humanity and raises difficult philosophical questions about the difference between artificial intelligence and human thinking and about the very essence of our personal being and consciousness.

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