

WHAT IF?

there were no digital technologies

Among the many uncertainties of our days, a question arises: are the values, institutions and technological achievements of our time capable of preserving freedom and individual autonomy - as our fundamental European values?

Pessimists see many recent developments of the digital era as potential threats: new forms of dependency and lack of freedom challenge the democratic-liberal consensus of Europe.

The latest trends in the digital world cause a particular skepticism. What has been seen until recently as chance of a polycentric technological future guaranteeing openness and participation for everybody, is now often seen as a new totalitarian threat from corporations, big data, and technologically advanced administrations.

The event "What if - there were no digital technologies", organized by EUNIC Prague, the network of European Cultural Institutes in the Czech Republic and the "Institute for Politics and Society", is approaching the topic through a thought-provoking game: "How would a world look like without the now-self-evident "achievements" of digital progress? What is profit and what are the risks and side effects of our "digital civilization".

How much do digital technologies influence your life?

Discuss this topic with us on Facebook!

We have 3 questions for you. We collect your comments and present them during our discussion on May 16.

Come to our discussion

at 6 pm on May 16

at the European House!

Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

The discussion is
in Czech and English.

moderator

Jan Klesla

Lidové noviny

main speaker

Max Schrems

*lawyer, writer and activist
against Facebook (Austria)*

guests

Ondřej Krátký

Liftago

Holger Volland

Frankfurt Book Fair (Germany)

Patrick Hamouz, *magazine jádu*