

Diplomová práce

Geography of Cyberspace: from the beginning to the future of the discipline.

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Abstract

This thesis focuses on the topic of Cyberspace and its role within social geography. Cyberspace, the Internet and their influences on everyday life, on many social, economical, political, as well as geographical aspects are obvious. The aim of the work is to uncover and explain the discipline "Geography of Cyberspace", to form a solid basis and spring board for further studies of this discipline and its sub-disciplines. The work is mainly focused on evaluation of basic literature within the discipline and on introduction of the most important researchers and institutions which are concerned with the research of these issues. The retrieval method was used for purposes of the evaluation. For a complete overview and better understanding of the discipline the thesis depicts the technological history of Cyberspace. It is trying to answer the questions whether and how much Cyberspace influences the "real world", or whether Cyberspace means the end of classical geographical understanding of the world. A qualitative research was realised for the purpose of the thesis for better comprehension of human perception of Cyberspace. The research was done with the sample of university students who were the foreign exchange students at the time of research. The chosen qualitative method was "focus group". Cyberspace is a phenomenon which became complex, but still rather invisible part of the society. Social geography and especially its particular researches should focus on this phenomenon in a larger extent.

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