

Abstract

This diploma thesis is focused on the role of ICT in everyday life and mobility of young people. The main goal of this thesis is to find out how the physical and virtual space mingle in the everyday life and mobility of young people who have been selected for the research, using diaries as a qualitative method. The aim was to point out some specifics of everyday activities in the physical and virtual space of the deliberately selected sample of young people that may be present in the whole population. The thesis is divided into two main parts. The theoretical part deals with the virtual space, Time geography in relation to ICT and some studies concerning different perspectives of the influence of ICT on everyday life of people. The empirical part focuses on the use of ICT by selected socio-demographical groups of Czech inhabitants and some time aspects of the use of ICT and other activities performed by young people and other age groups. Then, the key part is about the description of the mingling of virtual and physical space in the everyday life of 10 communication partners. Their mobility patterns are based on the mingling of two basic types of movements, virtual and physical. The mingling of virtual and physical space is also based on the time mingling of all activities, including the social interactions of communication partners to which a separate chapter is allocated. The mingling of physical and virtual activities of communication partners is manifested by performing these activities in parallel or by alternating them during certain time periods, depending on the time and space allocation of the communication partners in the physical space. The importance of the mingling of virtual and physical space is highlighted by the fact that there is usually a relationship between activities carried out by communication partners in physical and virtual space.

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