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***Conceptual and Linguistic Convergencies
in the Space of Electronic Communication***

Electronic communication has transformed our notion of the relation between place and community. With a greater proportion of our communicative acts taking place via electronic media, physical co-presence, the co-located interpersonal relations are diminishing as determinants of the nature of human interactions.

It seems that in the space of electronic media, community should be understood as a virtual network of interactions between individuals who uniformly accept and apply some rules for the communicative actions aiming at the effective exchange of information. In other words, there is an inner relation between the criteria of community and the global and local conditions for an effective method of information exchange. And these global and local conditions transform our notions surrounding the structure and life of community.

Electronic communication creates a new context in which our notions of culture, community, society, human interactions become more complex. These more complex notions can be regarded as the bases of the idea of the global and local information communities in which the communication attitudes of a person are determined by their impression of their self as permanently available individual whose communicative acts are embedded in a special information net.

This paper argues that by creating new, information communities, electronic technologies have been speeding up the crossing of traditional conceptual, social, cultural, and political boundaries. And as a result of this process, we are experiencing conceptual, social, cultural convergencies in the new global and local forms of communities.

My general argument is that the bases of these conceptual, social, cultural convergencies are linguistic convergencies which lead to the appearance of a new kind of communication language.

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