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The Future Soon: Nerds, Networks, and New Media

Speaker: **Torsten Kathke, M.A.**

Hailed as the "Great Nation of Futurity," as far back as 1839, America has long been a motor for invention and technology.

In the late 1970s, a sleepy corner of California mutated into Silicon Valley. A few guys named Steve (and one Bill) catapulted the world into the computer age. From homebrew PCs and Arpanet to today's always-on plethora of iGadgets, much of the technology we use now saw its beginning then and there.

As we rely more and more on bits and bytes to run our daily lives, it's time to look at how we got to where we are. While we will address heavier topics such as the power of social networks in election campaigns, net neutrality, and America's special role in running the world wide web, we'll also take time to ask what a meme is, what Facebook is up to, and what the next big thing on the internet might be...

Fee: 1 Euro

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