

THE SHIFT OF CYBERNETICS FROM THE U.S. TO EUROPE: IMPLICATIONS FOR CREATING AN INFORMATION SOCIETY

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Cybernetics is a general theory of communication and adaptation. It may some day be viewed as the foundation of the social and design sciences, in somewhat the same way that physics is the foundation of engineering disciplines. Cybernetics is particularly important as we seek to understand and to create an information society. This article presents data that reveals a shift of research in cybernetics from the U.S. to Europe and Asia. This shift in the location of research in cybernetics places the U.S. at a disadvantage in the further development of this important field. Some causes of the shift in the location of cybernetics research are suggested.