

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is March 7th 2022, and this is the 7at7 series broadcasting from L200 in the center of Zurich, in person; and from pEp foundation's BigBlueButton server, online.

Every 7th of the month at 7pm, we offer an experimental news program about the digital world, and a special topic on digital empowerment.

“We” is a coalition of organizations, like the ISOC Switzerland Chapter, the pEp foundation, NetHood, CIRCE, Digitale Gesellschaft, CCC Switzerland, SGMK, and more.

This has been a month of war in Europe; killing, displacing, destroying.

It is not easy to focus on anything else these days, but we will try, having as special guests today the Disruption Network Lab from Berlin.

But let's take first a quick look on some important news from the digital world.

First, it is interesting to see how the Internet is being transformed to a battlefield with Facebook and Russian

government fighting each other by restricting access and information. In this context, Facebook looks more and more like a large state, defining its border policies. I wouldn't apply for a Facebook passport anyway.

We need to find other means to maintain our freedom to communicate under this extreme global crisis.

Going from the global geopolitics to the infraordinary, the life here at L200, the big news is that Lennon our server, found a new safe home in our cellar.

Her news for this month are much simpler, hosting a few new web sites of local neighbourhood projects like Martin Furrer's mpunkt.ch and the documentation of the new ambitious collaboration between NetHood and CIRCE, the vision of a Really Simple Federation. It is developed in the context of the C4R project for which we will talk a lot in the near future.

At the national level, the big event of the month was Digitale Gessellschaft's Winterkongress which took place at the end of February, with many interesting talks and discussions on privacy, digital sustainability, platform regulation, security, surveillance and virtual democracy.

We are looking forward to the recordings. The event was broadcasted online from Rote Fabrik, with the support of Init7 (an ethical Swiss Internet Service Provider which is also our choice here at L200) and the WOZ weekly newspaper.

The WOZ's short guide for digital sustainability and sustainable digitalization that we presented in November 2021 is always available to pick-up at L200. Our door is more and more open to the public. Take a look when you pass by the Langstrasse :-)

On global news, there is an important campaign by Felix Reda, advocating for the right to download videos online since the open source software youtube-dl that allows you to do this for big platforms like youtube and vimeo, is currently under threat.

EDRi is also always active protecting our rights against Artificial Intelligence, and other forms of potential abuses of our privacy, and an interesting event is taking place online on March 17 about the EU Artificial Intelligence Act.

Finally, a few days ago was published the 15th and last issue of the Journal of Peer Production on the topic of Transition. This journal has been a very successful experiment on

bringing together researchers and activists around digital empowerment, shedding light on projects as big as Wikipedia and as small as the L200 space here in Zurich.

We will discuss in more detail with the authors of this last issue in the next 7at7 event, on April 7th at 7pm Zurich time.

So, let's meet now the Disruption Network Lab from Berlin. Agnese will be our host, whom you know from previous 7at7 events on CIRCE and Lennon. Good people wear always many activist hats :-)