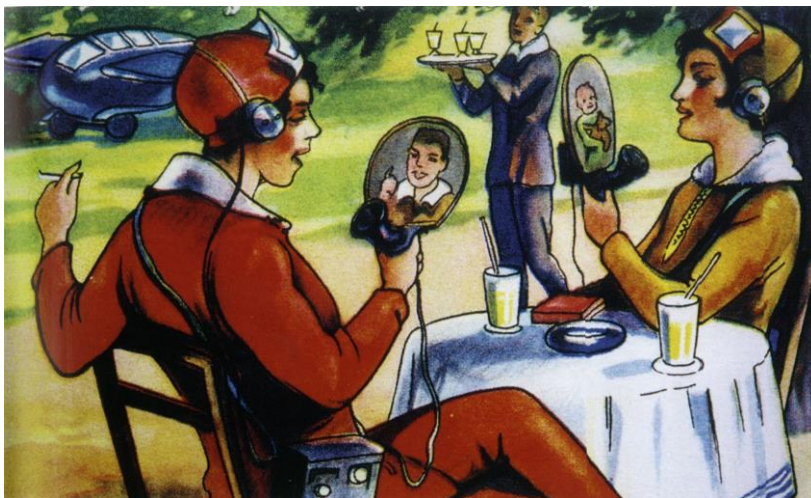


Futurologists: Our Everyday Technology Is Not Predictable

Scientists of the Institute of Technology Futures Explore Present and Past Visions of Tomorrow's Technology – New Endowed Professorship



Past vision of future technology: In 1930, a producer of margarine advertised with this vision of the fashionable woman making a visual telephone call in the future. (Photo: LWL-Freilichtmuseum Detmold)

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