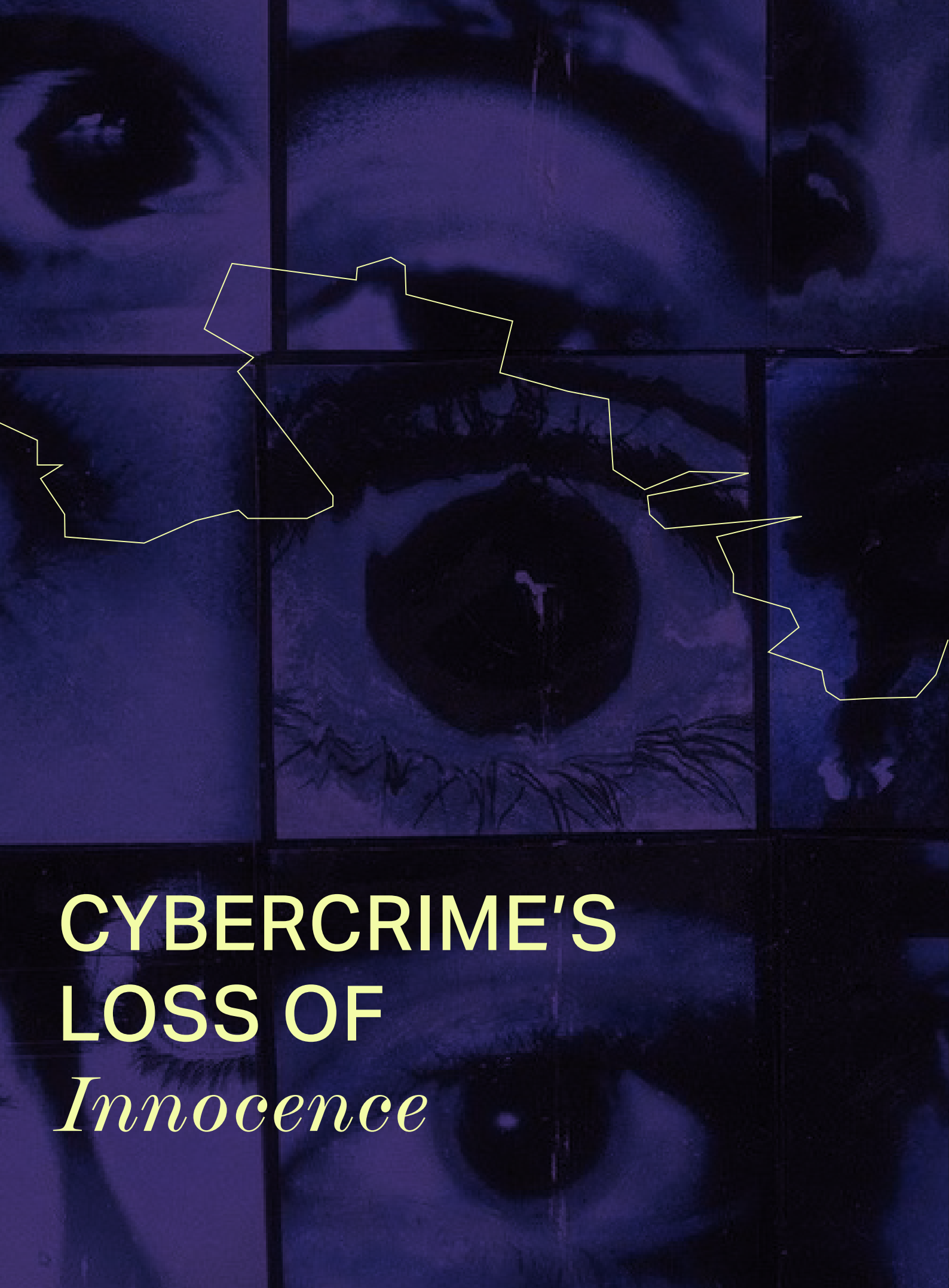


# COMING OF AGE

## What does that mean?



To us, the theme „Coming of Age“ represents the blossoming of something new, it is the recognition that every beginning is the ending of something else. Through our theme, we hope to invite reflection on the maturation of ideas and disciplines, highlighting challenges like bureaucratization and the loss of alternative perspectives (e.g. ground-breaking research or perhaps new technologies that are able to paint our world in a different light). On a personal level, the theme encourages creative submissions about self-reflection, academic growth, and psychological development, offering a broad exploration of individual and collective growth, perhaps even transformation. We would be very interested in papers that explore questions like: How have I changed since I started studying? How do I take care of my elders? How can I characterize the time we live in now? Do I have a stable narrative identity?



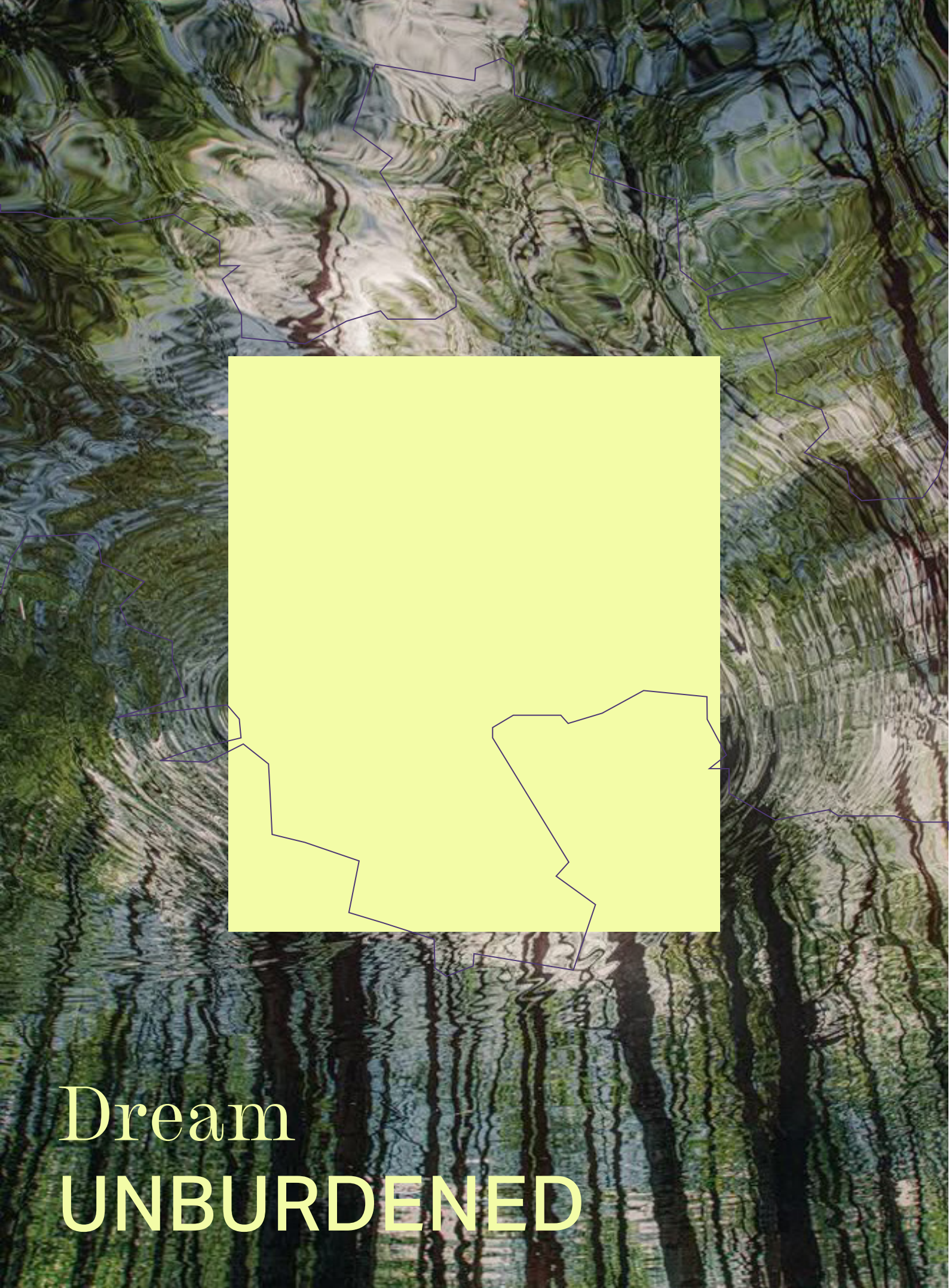
# CYBERCRIME'S LOSS OF *Innocence*

## From Tech Optimism to Regulatory Realism

Cybercrime, once associated with idealistic visions of freedom, exploration, and boundary-breaking innovation, has matured into a global threat prompting extensive regulation. Initially emerging from a hacker ethos advocating openness, decentralization, and technological creativity, cybercrime now evokes complex, bureaucratic international frameworks and pressing debates about digital security and freedoms.

By analyzing historical developments, case studies of landmark cyber incidents, and contemporary legislative frameworks, this paper critically evaluates whether existing regulatory maturity successfully balances security imperatives with innovation and individual freedoms. Ultimately, this reflection seeks to highlight the delicate and crucial balance regulators face, arguing for adaptive regulation that captures the complexity of modern cyber threats without stifling the very digital freedoms it seeks to protect. This essay examines the maturation of cybercrime and its regulatory responses, focusing on how optimistic ideals surrounding technology have gradually eroded in the face of increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. It analyzes how regulatory measures have developed or stagnated amidst rapid technological advancement, weighing their effectiveness and implications for innovation and civil liberties.





# Dream UNBURDENED

dream unburdened,  
running water,  
swelling blood beneath my skin.

the mountain is a ladder is a system  
but moving boxes stand soaking up Merlot.

my sister calls me fit for it which kills me  
and I know nothing

if language is a game then what is this?

the more I learn the more I feel like falling  
running water, sweet Merlot, come catch me!!  
I'm liquid smooth, a game that's fit for mountains,  
until they settle like a flock of birds in boxes  
I fold and unfold, dream unburdened, surely not?

the mountain is a ladder but who am I