



FUTURE

INVENTING THE CITIES OF TOMORROW

Press release - Diary

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THE THIRD EDITION OF FUTURE DAYS IS TO BE HELD ON 27 & 28 NOVEMBER 2019 AT CITÉ DESCARTES ON THE THEME “CITIES: OUR LEGACY, OUR FUTURE”

Since 2017, FUTURE DAYS has been an essential event for the academic, student, entrepreneurial and public sectors, examining the environmental, climatic, economic and social challenges facing towns and cities. Last year, more than 500 visitors attended.

« *The aim of this 3rd edition is to offer wide-ranging, international, high-quality conferences on the challenges of urban transitions.* » explains Cécile Delolme, Vice President of Université Paris-Est, the event's organiser. “*We continue to pay close attention to the balance between the academic and economic worlds, providing the opportunity for discussion and knowledge transfer, but also showcasing practical solutions put in place by businesses.*”

On 27 and 28 November, the third edition of FUTURE Days will focus on the theme “LEGACY AND FUTURE OF OUR CITIES”.

► Tomorrow's urban transformations

For the first time in human history, more than half of our species lives in urban areas. How can the city be transformed to meet our new needs, both in the short term and over the long term: major construction work, mega-events, and ephemeral city? How can we predict the risks and regulations of tomorrow, taking our heritage into account?

All these questions are linked all at once to infrastructure, mobility, the circular economy, and ethical and social questions, which will be examined at FUTURE Days, with expert input from our partner universities and businesses.

« *Understanding the past is essential to imagine the future*” says Cécile Delolme. « *With this theme, we wanted to take a fresh, innovative look at urban challenges. In fact, a standard city doesn't exist, but rather there are unique urban contexts around the world, and everywhere, heritage to manage and, as a consequence, a global approach to adopt.* »

- ✘ **Patrick Boucheron**, Professor of Medieval History, chairman of the Scientific Council of École Française de Rome and professor at Collège de France in the chair “History of the Powers in Western Europe, 13th-16th Centuries” will be ambassador of FUTURE Days 2019. He is a member of a several scientific councils and editorial boards and contributes to a range of events to champion committed and expert discourse in public use of history.

▶ A new aim for 2019

Over two days, scientists, clients, service providers, major groups, start-ups and innovative SMEs, plus global figures of the city of tomorrow, meet for a wide range of organised activities:

- **scientific conferences** featuring national and international figures
- **debates and round tables** offering expert insight into subjects as wide-ranging as “Event city, ephemeral city? The challenges of legacy.”, “From risks to crisis: making the most of legacies to plan better” and even “How can we better train students to face the challenges of sustainable cities?”.
- **visits of research facilities** on the Cité Descartes Campus, such as the OCAP Project, Equipex Sense-City, the IFSTTAR test platform, and the ESIEE Paris virtual reality room.
- **the Art Métropole exhibition** on the cities of the future as seen through the eyes of artists and architects, in works of art and utopian building projects..

* New this year, FUTURE Days 2019 will give young researchers the chance to enter a PechaKucha™ contest (presentation in the form of a 6'40" pitch) to offer young researchers from the academic community the opportunity to present their work in an unusual format to the event's audience. The theme: “Materials in the city: legacy and future?”

8 applicants will be selected to take part in the Pecha Kucha session on Wednesday 27 November 2019. The winners will be decided by public vote. And what do they win? There are prizes ranging from €1,000 to €2,000 for the top three!

▶ Practical information

Event location:

ESIEE Paris
2 Boulevard Blaise Pascal
Cité Descartes, Marne-la-Vallée
93160 Noisy-le-Grand

Registration on the FUTURE Days site:

<https://www.futuredays.fr/inscriptions/inscription-visiteur/>

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