ESD NEWS

Professor Yossi Sheffi’s new book, *Logistics Clusters: Delivering Value and Driving Growth* (MIT Press) looks at the phenomenon of logistics clusters—geographically concentrated sets of logistics-related business activities—and explains why Memphis, Singapore, Chicago, Rotterdam, Los Angeles, and many other locations have been successful in developing such clusters, while others have not. The book is now in stock at the MIT Press Bookstore and will also soon be available on Amazon.

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A number of Technology and Policy Program (TPP) students and alumni launched and continue to actively contribute to the blog ScienceWonks, which “aims to provide new perspectives on scientific issues, present commentary on current events, and inspire readers to participate in the conversation.” You can also follow ScienceWonks on Facebook and Twitter.

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MIT honors President Rafael Reif during the week of his inauguration (on September 21) with a series of three symposia. The symposia are entitled “Infinite Innovation” (September 19), “A Globally Engaged MIT” (September 20), and “The Future of Education” (September 21) and feature many MIT faculty members, including several from ESD. Full details are available here.

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MIT BLOSSOMS is very pleased to announce the addition to its video library of three new lessons, related to cancer, created by scientists at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. You can read about these and watch the videos on the BLOSSOMS website. Read more BLOSSOMS news in its latest newsletter.

IN THE MEDIA

Profile of Chris Zegras (MIT homepage spotlight)
“In profile: Chris Zegras: MIT urban planner builds tools that help designers make cities cleaner and greener.”
MIT News – September 13, 2012

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Noelle Selin talks about her research that aims to track how chemicals get to remote Arctic environments
“Study maps pollution’s pathway to the Arctic, sets path for future research”
MIT News – September 10, 2012
“MIT releases research finding additional chemicals affecting Arctic”
KNOM (Nome, Alaska radio station); starts 3:42 in the online audio – September 13, 2012

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Sandy Pentland’s research cited in article on phone location data
“What Will Happen If the Feds Get Warrantless Access to Phone Location Data”
The Atlantic – September 6, 2012

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Eric von Hippel mentioned in article on high-tech firms in urban areas
“The Joys of Urban Tech”
The Wall Street Journal – August 31, 201

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Joseph Coughlin talks about seniors and technology at the at Life Care Services’ Summit
“Senior Living Industry Prepping for Most Disruptive Generation Yet: The Boomers”
Senior Housing News – September 13, 2012

Also, Coughlin mentioned in Huffington Post blog post about adult education
“No Adult Left Behind”
Huffington Post – September 11, 2012

EVENTS

Monday, September 17, 2012
Dissertation defense of Rhonda Jordan
Time: 10am
Location: 9-151
Title: Incorporating Endogenous Demand Dynamics into Long-term Capacity Expansion Power System Models for Developing Countries
Committee: M. Webster (chair), R. de Neufville, J. Sterman, I. Perez-Arriaga

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
MIT CBI Research Seminar Series: Magdalini Papadaki, PhD
Precompetitive collaboration initiatives in drug discovery: Assessing the boundaries and proposing new evaluation frameworks, using the EU Innovation Medicines Initiative (IMI) as a case study
Time: 3pm – 4pm (Refreshments at 2:45)
Location: E25-401

Friday, September 21, 2012
Dissertation defense of Nidhi Santen
Time: 8.00am
Location: 9-152
Title: Technology Investment Decisions under Uncertainty: A New Modeling Framework for the Electric Power Sector
Committee: M. Webster (chair), J. Sussman, I. Perez-Arriaga, D. Popp

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