ESD NEWS

The MIT Sociotechnical Systems Research Center (SSRC) launched its new seminar series, *Designing Systems for a Complex World*, yesterday with a talk by Prof. Joseph Sussman, delivered to a full house in E25-111. If you were unable to attend his talk, “Designing Processes for Understanding Complex Sociotechnical Systems: Are We There Yet?,” please note that the video will be available online.

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The new subject ESD.S20/11.S941 (Evaluation of Technologies for International Development) starts Monday, February 11 from 3:30-5pm in 4-14. Animated by a major grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to establish the Comprehensive Initiative on Technology Evaluation (CITE) at MIT, this seminar will focus on new methodologies for assessment of technologies intended to improve the quality of life and future socio-economic prospects of low income households in developing countries. The course will be taught by Prof. Olivier de Weck and Prof. Bish Sanyal. More details [here](#).

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The Sixth Conference of MIT’s Learning International Networks Consortium (LINC), which will be co-sponsored by MITx, will be on June 16-19, 2013 at MIT. The theme of LINC 2013 is: “Realizing the Dream: Education Becoming Available to All—Will the World Take Advantage?” Plenary speakers will include: Dr. Anant Agarwal, president of edX; Tony Bates, multi-decade contributor to literature and implementation of e-learning; Sir John Daniel, former president and CEO of the Commonwealth of Learning; and Dr. Sanjay Sarma, director of digital learning, MIT. Read more about the conference [here](#).

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WORKING PAPER

This new paper has been added to the ESD Working Paper Series:

*Carbon Efficient Logistics: A Case study in Modal Shift*
Peter Oberhofer, PhD Student, Institute for Transport and Logistics Management, WU Vienna
Edgar E Blanco, Research Director, MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics
IN THE MEDIA

Dava Newman talks about the space suit of the future (article and videos)
“MIT Professor Has Created a Safer, Skin Tight Space Suit That Will Make It Easier to Work on Mars”
Space Industry News – February 5, 2013

Article about John Hansman and his aviation research
“Elegant and Efficient: The Only Way to Fly”
MIT ILP Institute Insider – February 6, 2013

EVENTS

Monday, February 11, 2013
Dan Braha, PhD Lecturer, MIT Engineering Systems Division
Time: 12-1pm

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
ESD Faculty Lunch
Academic Stress Presentation - David Randall, Blanche Staton, Jason McKnight
Time: 12-1pm
Location: E40-298

Friday, February 15, 2013
LGO webinar: Google/Motorola Mobility Acquisition Integration and Strategic Planning
Matt Vokoun, LGO ’05, Corporate Vice President — Strategy and Companion Products, Motorola Mobility (Google)
Time: 12-1pm
Register here

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