ESD NEWS


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TPP student Hèctor Fornés Martinez received an *abertis prize* in the category of best graduate dissertation, final degree project, or master’s dissertation for a paper entitled “Analysis and optimization of the luggage check-in counter allocation process at airports.”

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LGO marked its 25th anniversary with a special alumni conference at MIT on May 2-3, 2013 that brought together hundreds of LGO alumni, faculty and friends. Read more here.

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A paper by Fady Malak Saad (System Design and Management Fellow) has been accepted into the upcoming *System Dynamics Conference*. The paper is “Modeling and Comparing Startup Dynamics in the US and Egypt.” More details and link to paper available after the conference.

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AgeLab director Joe Coughlin presented his research on consumer behavior and engagement in large-scale systems at the Financial Communications Society Summit in New York City (sponsored by Barron’s, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*). Coughlin’s keynote talk discussed his work on consumer engagement strategies in both health and wealth, showing how declines in public trust of complex systems and related expertise, combined with increased use of social media, has changed the rules of public engagement in financial services.

WORKING PAPER

A new paper has been added to the ESD Working Papers Series. This paper has been accepted at the 2013 Engineering Project Organizations Conference in July in Winter Park, CO.

*House of Project Complexity – Understanding Complexity in Large Infrastructure Projects*

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IN THE MEDIA

Coverage of research led by Randolph Kirchain and Elsa Olivetti in MIT Materials Systems Laboratory (MSL)

“Footwear’s (carbon) footprint: Study finds the bulk of shoes’ carbon footprint comes from manufacturing processes”
MIT News – May 22, 2013
“Running shoes leave large carbon footprint, study shows”
The Guardian – May 23, 2013

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Ongoing coverage of Ernest Moniz, unanimously confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Energy, including:

“U.S.: Ernest Moniz sworn in as 13th Secretary of Energy”
PV Magazine – May 23, 2013

“Ernest Moniz - The New U.S. Energy Secretary”
Energy Matters – May 22, 2013

“US Senate confirms Moniz as nation's new energy secretary”
Biodiesel Magazine – May 16, 2013

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Blog post (with video) by Steven Spear

“Don't Be a ‘Zombie’ Organization!”
The Huffington Post – May 21, 2013

EVENTS

Wednesday, June 5, 2013
SDM Information Evening
Time: 6-9pm
Location: MIT Faculty Club

Sunday, June 16 – Wednesday, June 19, 2013
The Sixth Conference of MIT Learning International Networks Consortium
Location: MIT
Leading educators from more than 40 countries will join together at the upcoming MIT Learning International Networks Consortium (LINC) conference entitled, “Realizing the Dream: Education Becoming Available to All. Will the World Take Advantage?” The sixth annual conference will take place on the MIT campus from June 16-19, 2013. Global e-learning leaders will converge to discuss best practices in distance and e-learning technologies, innovative applications of technology-enabled education in universities around the world, and the impact of open education resources on learning worldwide—as well as debate the importance of massive open online courses (MOOCs) on higher education. Full details and online registration available at: http://linc.mit.edu/linc2013. Registration will also be available on-site.

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