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Welcome to the Mid-December Edition of What's Emerging

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As usual things generally slow down for us at the end of November and fire up again about mid-January. So this newsletter will be the last one for the year. While things are a little slower Paul is looking at investing in/being involved in two social enterprise businesses, one around food and one around digital technologies. We will keep you posted if they progress to public announcements.

If any of those approaches interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

We hope that you continue to find then newsletter interesting and useful and we wish everyone a happy and Safe Christmas and New Year. See you in 2016!

Cheers,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Prafulla, Syed Muqthar and Samantha Kyle-Little

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■ What are we writing about?

Paul will also be publishing a series of blogs around the issues that have come up in the private work in the next few weeks. The first three are now up [Agriculture, Technology and Future Careers](#) , [Tim Tams and the Social v Messaging Battle](#), and [Beans, Uber and the Post Office](#). You can access the new ones as they are published by going to www.futuristpaul.com If any of the subjects interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

■ Business Tips

10 of the Most Controversial Productivity Tips That Actually Work

Some really are controversial and counterintuitive. [Read More...](#)

With Google's Offline Maps, Getting Around Gets Cheaper

Not really a business tip but seeing as it is holiday time and you might be somewhere with less than ideal connectivity you might want to take advantage of this feature. [Read More...](#)

The 50 Free Apps We're Most Thankful For

A really useful list. [Read More...](#)

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The Superhuman Guide to Twitter Advanced Search: 23 Hidden Ways to Use Advanced Search for Marketing and Sales

Twitter has an amazing, yet somewhat [little-known](#) Advanced Search tool to help you find exactly what we're looking for. [Read More...](#)

■ In case you missed it: Most popular links from the Last Edition

[The iPad pro](#)

An interesting review and view on the new iPad and its comparisons to laptops and Macs

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Designing a New Operating System for Work

The battles between Uber and taxi companies and the 1099 vs. W-2 debate are just the first signs of the upheaval emerging with the rise of the on-demand economy. [Read More...](#)

Bangladeshi Climate Funds Pay for Cyclone-Resistant Homes

In Bangladesh, a government fund is helping the poor adapt to the effects of climate change. [Read More...](#)

Doctors will soon be able to study 3D-rendered organs in VR before operations

EchoPixel will use information from medical imaging to produce 3D virtual reality organs, which doctors can explore before surgery. [Read More...](#)

No longer the worst of times for euro zone unemployment, but still a long way down to go

Finally there's some good news on an economic statistic that really matters for the euro zone's future – unemployment. [Read More...](#)

In Dubai, jet-packed firefighters will tackle skyscraper fires

The Dubai Civil Defense is creating a fleet of emergency jetpacks, which will help firefighters tackle flames in the city's skyscrapers. [Read More...](#)

Why The Gig Economy Appears To Be Growing

A new study shows how—and why—the sharing economy is burgeoning. [Read More...](#)

Robots expected to run half of Japan by 2035

Data analysts Nomura Research Institute (NRI), led by researcher Yumi Wakao, figure that within the next 20 years, nearly half of all jobs in Japan could be accomplished by robots. [Read More...](#)

Median white household in U.S. has 13 times more wealth than median black household, 10 times more than median Latino

A report released today by the Pew Research Center shows clearly what black people America already know: the inequality gap between black and white families has widened dramatically since The Great Recession of the late 2000s. [Read More...](#)

MIT created an electronic bandage that heals wounds faster

At some point in the future, your bandage might do a lot more than just cover up your wound. [Read More...](#)

German robots to make first Adidas running shoes in 2016

A German factory operated largely by robots will make its first 500 pairs of running shoes for Adidas early next year as the sportswear company seeks to cut labor costs and speed up delivery to fashion-conscious consumers. [Read More...](#)

How India Could Actually Reach Its Audacious Solar Targets

PARIS—Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has set a dramatic target for solar power: 100 Gigawatts (GW) by 2022, or more than half of all solar installed to date globally by the end of 2014. [Read More...](#)

The \$75,000 problem for self-driving cars is going away

To many, self-driving cars sound like a wonderful thing. Roads get safer, and more people receive access to transportation. [Read More...](#)

Virtual Reality Could Generate \$70 Billion in Real Money by 2020

Suddenly, Facebook's \$2 billion purchase of virtual reality hardware maker Oculus doesn't sound quite so crazy. [Read More...](#)

World's first in-human gene-editing treatment will tackle haemophilia

This controversial medical method could prevent people from spontaneously bleeding to death internally. [Read More...](#)

Office 365 Crushes Google Apps In Enterprise: Microsoft Now Controls Over 25% Market Share

Office 365 has overtaken Google Apps in the business market by more than tripling its share in one year, according to a new report from cloud security firm Bitglass. [Read More...](#)

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