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Welcome to the Middle of June Edition of What's Emerging

We are planning to re-institute the popular "lunch with a futurist" program shortly. This is where 10 members of our network/newsletter list get to have lunch with Paul where he will talk on a few critical issues for the future and we have a general discussion on what they might mean. Places will be on a first come first served basis for a light lunch so keep an eye out for our next newsletter when the first date for 2013/14 financial year will be announced.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting and useful.

Cheers,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Kim Stewart, Smitha K, Syed Muqthar, and Samantha Kyle-Little

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What are we writing about?

Future Challenges and Opportunities for Agriculture

Paul participated in a week long roadshow for the New Zealand Beef and Lamb Industry on opportunities and challenges for agriculture focusing on augmented reality skills transfer, robotics, the collection of data, and the connected farmer. His presentation and some extra links following the presentation are available now. [Read More...](#)

Business Tips

9 Rules for a simpler day

Our days fill up so fast, and are so rushed and filled with distractions, that they seem to be bursting. [Read More...](#)

Can you really improve your emotional intelligence?

Who wouldn't want a higher level of emotional intelligence? Studies have shown that a high emotional quotient (or EQ) boosts career success, entrepreneurial potential, leadership talent, health, relationship satisfaction, humour, and happiness. [Read More...](#)

14 iPhone camera apps that will make everyone jealous of your photos

There are a ton of amazing photo and video apps out that take your iPhone photography to the next level. [Read More...](#)

How to shield your calls and internet activity from Government Surveillance

If you have followed the startling revelations about the scope of the US government's surveillance efforts, you may have thought you were reading about the end of privacy. But even when faced with the most ubiquitous of modern surveillance, there are ways to keep your communications away from prying eyes. [Read More...](#)

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What's Emerging

Meeker's internet trends report is a must read:

If you are in the digital space or are at all interested in anything from wearable tech to flying cars - this is the one report to read to understand where we are at and where we are headed.

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Future of Jobs and Employment

It is becoming generally accepted that the fall off in jobs that came with the great recession in the States and the age of austerity in Europe, may not come back, at least not in the same numbers and at the same quality and pay. [Read More...](#)

Samsung may have passed Apple in U.S. — for now

Samsung Electronics may have surpassed Apple to become the top smartphone maker in the United States in May, according to an analyst's report. [Read More...](#)

Off the charts: Sign of excess?

Margin debt in the United States — money borrowed against securities in brokerage accounts — has risen to its highest level ever. [Read More...](#)

The closing of the conservative mind

A lot of largely empirical questions whose answers need not, in principle, be associated with one's position on this left-right divide but, in practice, are. [Read More...](#)

If needed would you use a 3D printed organ?

For some time, the general public has accepted the use of synthetic joints to repair an ailing body. However, would the general public be willing to except artificial organs that are generated from a 3D printer in a lab? [Read More...](#)

An interview with David Burney: on New York and the 21st-Century City-State
Burney channels Kenichi Ohmae's the end of the nation state, and brings it up to the awful, sludge-filled political scene of the present day. [Read More...](#)

The future of Technology isn't Mobile, it's Contextual

In the coming years, there will be a shift toward what is now known as contextual computing. [Read More...](#)

Climate change causing Pentagon planning shift, says DOD strategist

One of the Pentagon's top strategists said climate change is fundamentally altering how the Defense Department (DOD) evaluates future conflict areas. [Read More...](#)

Thomas Frey on the end of theft

In 2030, every purchase over \$50, or whatever minimum you choose, is automatically assigned to our "personal ownership network." Tagging chips built-in to these items automatically provide a full description of the product, serial numbers, and date of purchase, manufacturing details, and more. [Read More...](#)

16% of Digital Shoppers use mobile primarily: Study

Consumers who rely on digital platforms to help with purchase decisions are also the shoppers most likely to use their mobile devices to do so, according to a new study from GroupM Next.

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How Bloggers are scoring million-dollar funding rounds

An influx of digital superstars are leveraging their influence to launch product-driven startups.

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Progress report on NYC's sustainability PlaNYC 2030

Mayor Bloomberg released the 2013 PlaNYC progress report and announced that the City is on track to meet all of its ambitious sustainability targets. [Read More...](#)

What is really going on in Syria?

What's Emerging?

What is going on in Syria has to be considered from the viewpoint of a medievalist, not a modern day, foggy bottom policy wonk. [Read More...](#)

Managing climate change risks

Every major oil and gas company (even Iran's NIOC) acknowledges climate change. Here's ExxonMobil's climate page... [Read More...](#)



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