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

Welcome to the Mid-June edition of the newsletter.

In the next few weeks Paul will be working on two major projects around education and the future of work plus presentations on the future of medicine, how not for profit boards need to deal with uncertainty, and the future of agriculture.

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

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

Cheers,

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

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What are we writing about?

Paul posted a [blog What Happens When all the Friction has Gone?](#) about Pinterest and their buy buttons.

Paul also posted [So Your Daughter Wants to be a Motor Mechanic](#) about some of the issues that Paul and Chris Rice are including in a book they are writing on the future of work and education.

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Business Tips

Evernote for a Better You: 5 "How To" Tips from a Mommy Blogger

Paul Higgins: Some useful stuff here on using Skitch and automated action creation via IFTTT. [Read More...](#)

Does body language help a TED Talk go viral? 5 nonverbal patterns from blockbuster talks

Paul Higgins: Some contradictory points here but also some good stuff. [Read More...](#)

x.ai is a personal assistant who schedules meetings for you

Paul Higgins: I signed up for this a while ago and am on the waiting list. It is an artificial intelligence assistant that can schedule meetings for you. [Read More...](#)

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

[10 things the best speakers never say](#)

Many speakers have never reflected that they must be considerate to their audiences. If you're in this boat, this practical list of don'ts will open your eyes and improve your next talk.

■ What's Emerging

Items lost in the Stone Age are found in melting glaciers

Mittens, shoes, weapons, walking sticks – lost in the high mountains of Norway thousands of years ago - are now emerging from melting ice. [Read More...](#)

Internet-connected hospital drug pumps vulnerable to remote lethal-dose attacks

Researcher Billy Rios (previously) has extended his work on vulnerabilities in hospital drug pumps, discovering a means by which their firmware can be remotely overwritten with new code that can result in lethal overdoses for patients. [Read More...](#)

Here Comes The Mobile Singularity

As mobile e-commerce grows, what about retail in general?. [Read More...](#)

Robots Are Really Bad At Folding Towels

Seven years ago, Pieter Abbeel set out on a quest: to teach a robot how to fold laundry. This proved to be a remarkably difficult task — and the difficulty of the task illuminates some key things about the limits of machines. [Read More...](#)

Your eggs are so expensive because bird flu just wiped out 45 million chickens and turkeys

Health officials are scrambling to contain a major epidemic of bird flu in the Midwest that has decimated chicken and turkey flocks and caused egg prices nationwide to more than double. [Read More...](#)

Increasingly adaptable robot can 'heal' itself in under 2 minutes

Robots that are damaged in action can now quickly "heal" themselves by tapping into experiences from simulated lives, according to a new study. It may sound like science fiction, but these abilities could lead to more robust, effective and autonomous robots, researchers say. [Read More...](#)

Russia's army of paid astroturfers message-bomb western coverage of Ukraine

A set of documents leaked by a group identifying itself as Russian hackers purports to be training materials for Russian psyops agents who were paid to make favorable comments about Russia's position in Ukraine on western media websites. [Read More...](#)

Sudden onset of ice loss in Antarctica so large it affects Earth's gravity field

A group of scientists, led by a team from the University of Bristol, UK has observed a sudden increase of ice loss in a previously stable region of Antarctica. The research is published today in Science. [Read More...](#)

India's Adani to build 1-GW solar plant in Tamil Nadu – report

May 26 (SeeNews) - India's Adani Power Ltd (BOM:533096) is planning to install 1,000 MW of photovoltaic (PV) capacity in the state of Tamil Nadu, the Business Standard said Monday, citing a government official and sources from the company. [Read More...](#)

Britain can afford to live with high debt 'forever', says IMF

Living with high debt may be the "optimal policy" for countries such as the UK, Germany and the US, according to IMF economists. [Read More...](#)

Helping robots handle uncertainty

Decentralized partially observable Markov decision processes are a way to model autonomous robots' behavior in circumstances where neither their communication with each other nor their judgments about the outside world are perfect. [Read More...](#)

Australia's trade deficit of \$3.9b its worst on record

Australia has posted its worst monthly trade deficit on record, with imports exceeding exports by nearly \$3.9 billion. [Read More...](#)

EmTech Digital: Pinterest's Bid to Reinvent Online Shopping

Buy buttons are coming to Pinterest and will reinvent online commerce, the company claims. [Read More...](#)

French Supermarkets Are Now Not Allowed To Throw Away Food—They Have To Find Another Way To Use It

Waste not, want not: Under a new law, groceries will have to either give unused food to charities or pass it on as animal feed, compost, or bioenergy. [Read More...](#)

'3D printing' used to test a 'cure' for type-1 diabetes

Researchers are one step closer to reducing the effects of type-1 diabetes after developing a way to implant insulin-generating cells into the pancreas. [Read More...](#)

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