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**Press release**

Fondation Télécom is pleased to invite you  
to the public conference

## ***Augmented Man – humanity searching for a meaning*** **On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 5pm at Institut Mines-Télécom (Paris)**

Following the publication of its brochure in June on the subject of **Augmented Man**, the **Fondation Télécom** is organizing a conference on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> to explore the topic and discuss related issues.

Intelligent prosthetic limbs, augmented-reality glasses, direct access to city sensors, artificial intelligence... the list of human modifications to 'repair' or to enhance our capacity goes on and on. Issues such as climate change, space exploration and social changes are forcing mankind to adapt and maybe even drive our own development, but these paths are littered with uncertainties, and collective decisions must be consciously made in order to keep the transhuman project acceptable. There is potential in time for a more accomplished form of humanity, united around aspects that are currently limited such as cooperation, empathy and altruism.

The conference aims to provide answers to questions such as will Augmented Man change life as we know it? From space exploration to altered reality... what are the contemporary applications of the augmentation of humankind? Is Augmented Man acceptable?



Nicolas Huchet

Speakers will include:

- > **Nicolas Bionico Huchet**, winner of Innovators Under 35 by MIT
- > **Grégory Maubon**, Consultant in augmented reality and digital uses
- > **Brigitte Munier**, Doctor in Social Sciences, Télécom ParisTech
- > **Florence Porcel**, Columnist, passionate about science and space exploration and a candidate for the Mars One project.

### **Following on from the brochure about Augmented Man**

This conference follows on from the brochure titled '*Augmented Man – humanity searching for a meaning*'. The brochure takes stock of the subject and presents the work of Institut Mines-Télécom graduate schools on artificial intelligence, robotics, health and man-machine interfaces, and also contains in-depth reflections on ethics, sociology, philosophy, economy and law.

> [Download the brochure by Fondation Télécom](#)

### **Conference – practical information**

Free entry / Location: Institut Mines-Télécom - 46 rue Barrault 75013 Paris / [Registration is free but compulsory](#)

### **About the Fondation Télécom [www.fondation-telecom.org](http://www.fondation-telecom.org)**

The Fondation Télécom provides support and guidance to the Telecom graduate schools of Institut Mines-Télécom in their training, research, innovation and foresight missions. It brings together committed businesses and graduates wishing to take up the new industrial, economic, societal and environmental challenges facing today's digital society. Thanks to the support of its numerous partners, including founding partners Alcatel-Lucent, BNP Paribas, Google, Orange and SFR, the Fondation Télécom finances around fifteen programs each year in the fields of training (scholarships, open innovation program for students), research (financing theses, post-docs and research Chairs), innovation (support for start-ups and incubation) and foresight (the "Digital Future" think tank).

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