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Alumni Newsletter

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Welcome to our new Alumni newsletter, bringing together each month the latest news from HEC School, Alumni Association and Foundation. Upcoming events, alumni profiles, key figures, international news – everything you need to know, just a click away.
Enjoy your reading!

Marguerite Gallant (H.03)
Executive Director, HEC Alumni

Top story

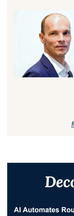
Beyond Academic Perfomance



"HEC is not a box to tick on a prestigious career path. It is a launchpad." Addressing the 1,450 new students joining the Grande École and Master's programs, the School's academic leaders presented HEC's core values: curiosity, excellence, diversity, responsibility and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Read the article.

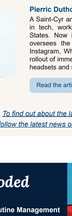
Our community in action



20 Years of HEC in China

For the past twenty years, HEC Paris has been providing education and executive training programs in China, supporting the transformation of the country's economy.

Read the article



HEC Turnaround

Created to support companies facing difficulties, the new HEC Turnaround Club promotes the sharing of experience and expertise in restructuring, business acquisitions and succession.

Learn more about the Club

Spotlight



Anne-Sophie Roy Prevost (H.97)

Appointed Executive Director of the HEC Foundation, she succeeds Delphine Colson (H.94), who led the Foundation for eight years. With more than twenty years of experience in marketing and strategic development, Anne-Sophie has a deep belief in the transformative power of education. Having taken up her position on September 1, she looks forward to meeting and connecting with our community.



Pierric Duthoit (M.99)

A Saint-Cyr and HEC graduate, he has built his career in tech, working in France, Russia and the United States. Now Managing Director of Meta France, he oversees the group's social platforms – Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, Threads – and the rollout of immersive technologies, including Meta Quest headsets and smart glasses, in the French market.

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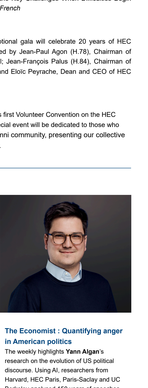
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Decoded

AI Automates Routine Management and Raises the Value of Leadership

When AI can track performance, coordinate workflows and produce analyses, what is left for managers to do? Three HEC professors - **Julien Jourdan (D.12), Emmanuel Coblence (H.05) and Catherine Tanneau (H.88)** - conducted 45 interviews with senior executives and AI specialists. Their conclusion: AI is not about to replace managers. By automating routine management tasks, it highlights distinctly human capabilities: judgment, trust and accountability. An article that invites us to rethink the role of leaders.

Read the article on DARE



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Just for you



HEC Life Project

Discover HEC Pulse, HEC's mentoring platform. HEC Pulse connects alumni through mentoring opportunities designed to share experience, offer guidance and create meaningful connections across the HEC community.
Join us on **September 17** for a 45-minute webinar to discover the platform, see how it works and learn how you can get started as a mentor or mentee.

Register

Key figure

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nationalities represented in the new MBA class of 2026.

Watch the Dean's back-to-school message.

On the Radar

14/09/26

Philippe Aghion will give an inspiring HEC Talk on innovation, AI and the future of economic growth.
Learn more.

29/09/26

Hélène Bourbouloux (H.95) and Arnaud Joubert (H.98), from FHBX and Rothschild & Co respectively, will host a roundtable in Paris, organized by the HEC Turnaround and HEC Governance Clubs, on the theme: "What Are the Key Challenges When Difficulties Begin to Emerge?" | *Event in French*
Learn more.

09/10/26

In Shanghai, an exceptional gala will celebrate 20 years of HEC Paris in China, attended by Jean-Paul Agon (H.78), Chairman of HEC Paris and L'Oréal; Jean-François Palus (H.84), Chairman of the HEC Foundation; and Eloïc Peyrache, Dean and CEO of HEC Paris.
Learn more.

07/11/26

HEC Alumni will host its first Volunteer Convention on the HEC Paris campus. This special event will be dedicated to those who lead and animate alumni community, presenting our collective vision for our network.
Learn more.

In the Headlines

Challenges : 40 under 40

HEC Professor and 2025 Best Young Economist **Antonin Bergeaud** has been named one of the "40 under 40 shaping France's future", alongside a new generation of entrepreneurs, artists, athletes and changemakers.

Read the article

The Economist : Quantifying anger in American politics

The weekly highlights **Yann Algan**'s research on the evolution of US political discourse. Using AI, researchers from Harvard, HEC Paris, Paris-Saclay and UC Berkeley analysed 150 years of speeches in Congress.

Read the article

Tribute to Daniel Bernard (H.69)

Recognized as one of the leading figures in the retail industry, Daniel Bernard (H.69) passed away on August 5, 2026. His passing is a great loss to our entire community, as Daniel made a lasting impact on the Foundation and the School over the past twenty years.

Read the profile

Your Voice

Your ideas, suggestions and feedback are invaluable as we shape the next chapter of HEC Alumni together.

Make your voice heard in this section.

Get in touch with us!