

OF SCIENCE & SOCIETY

ESPCI Paris-PSL is pleased to invite you to the first edition of Shape the future of science and society, which will focus on

THE FUTURE OF MATERIALS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

2025

from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the IPGG lecture hall

A half-day science innovation forum connecting ESPCI's breakthrough research with industry leaders and the general public.

Please confirm your attendance by November 5, 2025

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08:30 Welcome coffee					
	09:00	Launch of the first edition			
	09:10	Plenary	New materials in the transition to zero greenhouse gas emissions	Steven Chu, Professor, Stanford University, Nobel Prize in Physics 1997	

SESSION 1						
	MATERIALS OF THE NEAR FUTURE – AT THE SCALE OF THE ATOM AND MOLECULE					
	 Sustainable polymer materials through dynamic covalent chemistry 	Renaud Nicolaÿ				
	▶ Metal-organic frameworks as nanoporous materials for a sustainable world	Christian Serre				
09:40	Quantum materials: storing energy without critical elements	Brigitte Leridon				
	► Soft power: doing more with less using bioinspired materials	Alba Marcellan				
	► Audience Q&A and roundtable: bringing materials of the near future from labs to industry					
10:35	Soft matter in industry	François Court				
10:50 Networking break						
11:20	Soft matter in academia Fast but viscous!	David Quéré				

SESSION 2 MATERIALS OF THE FAR FUTURE – AT THE SCALE OF THE BUILDING BLOCK				
	Metamaterials: taming waves through engineered structures	Fabrice Lemoult		
	▶ Self-behaving materials: achieving spontaneous motion with active solids	Olivier Dauchot		
11:30	 Programmable matter: from building blocks to intelligent materials 	Zorana Zeravcic		
	► Towards living materials that sense, adapt and evolve	Manuel Théry		
	► Audience Q&A and roundtable: bringing materials of the far future from labs to industry			

12:25	Plenary	Shaping society through innovation and materials science	Mark Miodownik, Professor of Materials & Society, University College London
12:55	Conclusion		
13:05	3:05 Eunch and networking		

	LAB VISITS			
	► Time-varying metamaterials and time crystals	Institut Langevin		
14:30 16:00	➤ Structured polymer materials: synthesis & characterization	C3M Laboratory		
	► Getting in shape: programmable morphing materials	PMMH Laboratory		

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