



Ecole Centrale Paris is on Coursera

(Châtenay-Malabry, October 8, 2013) – As part of its digital education development strategy and knowledge distribution, Ecole Centrale Paris is proud to announce that as of today three Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) are available on Coursera.

Launched in 2012, Coursera is the principal English language online platform for video courses. It attracts approximately 3,5 million internet users.

Centrale Paris is recognized for its pedagogical innovation and is an active participant in the development and implementation of E-learning strategies in France via a vast digital policy (interactive tools, digital environment, new education medium). After the launch of its Digital Institute last June (http://www.ecp.fr/files/content/sites/ecp_internet/files/Centrale%20paris%20en/PDF/Press%20Release%20Ecole%20Centrale%20Paris%20Research%20Track.pdf), it's natural that Centrale Paris has become one of the first French institutions of higher education to provide courses on Coursera.

The willingness to innovate was recently demonstrated by the participation of Centrale Paris on France Université Numérique (FUN) platform announced by the Minister of Higher Education and Research, Ms. Genevieve Fioraso, on October 2, 2013.

By participating in this global network of prestigious universities, and in the development of the courses proposed by Coursera, Centrale Paris participates in the promotion of the French model for education and the pedagogical innovations that it is developing. The School confirms its position as a digital school, further strengthening its leadership in the field of new pedagogical technologies.

For the academic year 2013-2014, four MOOCs of Centrale Paris will be proposed for the certification :

On Coursera in English:

- Nikos Paragios & Pawan Kuma: “Discrete Inference and Learning in Artificial Vision”, during 8 weeks starting in early January 2014 <https://www.coursera.org/course/artificialvision>;
- John Cagnol: “An Introduction to Functional Analysis”, during 8 weeks, starting in late January 2014 <https://www.coursera.org/course/functionalanalysis>;
- Luc de Brabandère: “On strategy : What Managers can learn from great philosophers”, during 6 weeks, starting March 2014 <https://www.coursera.org/course/businessandphilo>.

On FUN, in French:

- Pascal Da Costa : « Sustainable Development : a major challenge of the 21st Century <http://www.france-universite-numerique.fr/mooc-developpement-durable.html>.

Being on Coursera and FUN responds to Ecole Centrale interest in sharing knowledge. The possibility to make courses accessible gratuitously worldwide, responds to the willingness of Centrale Paris to promote its education excellence to the world.

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