

## ***Enjeux numériques / Digital issues,*** **a new series, new ambitions**

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The series *Annales des Mines* has often addressed subjects related to digital technology and even devoted special issues to this topic. But it is now high time to found a journal dedicated to the challenges of digital technology. This new journal falls in line with the values and objectives of *Annales des Mines*: circulate ideas, clarify debates, analyze facts, draw persons together, describe future possibilities, float ideas and follow up on them, and draw the best from proposed utopias. To do this, the preferred means is to present contrasting technological, economic and societal viewpoints that are clearly formulated.<sup>1</sup>

The launching of *Enjeux numériques / Digital issues* is also the occasion to reinvigorate our aspirations and adapt them to the ever growing presence of digital technology in our lives and times.

Given the end of the “information shortage” — good news for sure! — and the profusion of the digital environment, we must renovate, diversify and open the perspectives of *Annales des Mines* as a medium of information. Academics as well as professionals in information and communications technology will figure prominently among our authors and on the editorial board. They will oversee the solidity and depth of our sources. Roundtables, timed to the publication of thematic issues, will provide an opportunity for engaging our readers in discussions.

It is imperative to “globalize” our journal, the themes selected and the viewpoints expressed, and to enlarge the backgrounds of both authors and readers as we pursue our new ambition of facing the digital issues now being raised. To this end, *Enjeux numériques / Digital issues* will be printed on paper as usual, but the articles will be published in both French and English on the Web.

This first issue focuses on artificial intelligence. The next three, now in the pipeline, will concentrate on the regulation and economics of big data, the transformation of the legal professions, and governance in a digital economy.

I would like to thank the more than eighty persons who have made a commitment to publish in our journal, and acknowledge the work done by issue editors and the members of the editorial board and staff of *Annales des Mines*.

May your reading experience add value to your understanding!

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