

emlyon launches the Leadership Academy for New Futures with a conference by Emmanuel Faber

In a period of model transition and major disruptions, the Leadership Academy for New Futures of emlyon business school rallies up the School's researchers with one objective: supporting managers and executive directors in practicing leadership. As an integral part of the road map of the School's strategic plan "Resonance 2028", the Leadership Academy for New Futures offers in particular, a series of conferences about these issues.

The risks related to the planetary limits, the issues of collective engagement and individual ecology along with the exhaustion of traditional models, all call for a more challenging leadership, in full awareness, able to undertake the necessary transformations for the benefit of organization adaptation. The Leadership Academy is built around three main activities: research, its output dissemination, and the training offer.

Launching The Leadership Academy for New Futures

emlyon business school wants to provide its stakeholders (students, alumni, companies and partners) and more broadly, society at large, with the possibility to question leadership, as dawn breaks over sustainable futures. How to navigate the uncertainty and complexity of today's world? How to shed away from outdated models when daily activities of executive directors tie up most of their time? Paving different ways to different futures, more respectful of planetary ecologies.

The notion of "full awareness" experiential is at the heart of the training programs and preparation provided by the Academy. The intensity of the experiential pedagogy provided needs to establish an immediate link between research-developed shared knowledge, its implementation in a collective context and its impacts.

A new conference series by the Leadership Academy for New Futures

The conferences of the Leadership Academy will embrace new untrodden paths for a global sharing and questioning of visions and managerial practices. The first series will be built around a spring conference in Lyon and a fall conference in Paris. Around a guest speaker, an audience of students, alumni, partners, companies and professors of the campuses of **emlyon** business school will gather up. Guest speakers will be leaders with an inspiring story, implementing unique visions aligned with the main issue of global ecology.

Emmanuel Faber, first guest speaker of the Leadership Academy for New Futures

Former CEO of Danone, Emmanuel Faber is now President of the ISSB (International Sustainability Standards Board). As a leader engaged in the fight against climate change, he is a mountain-enthusiast, and wrote several books including "Ouvrir une voie" (Paving a way) issued in 2022 by the Editions Paulsen. Emmanuel Faber addressed his engagements and his vision of the possible pathways we can venture down to build new futures. The discussion was

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hosted by Thomas Gauthier, Associate Dean for the Pedagogy in the Anthropocene at **emlyon** business school. The round table also seated Bertrand Valiorgue, professor of strategy and corporate governance, and Alice Castan, student in the *Grande École* Program (PGE) of **emlyon** business school.

For Tessa Melkonian, Dean of the Faculty and Research of emlyon business school: *“We decided to create this academy to provide a collective answer to the necessary (r)evolution of our vision of leadership and the way it is practiced, in the face of the world’s major disruptions and the rapid obsolescence of our models. We want to support managers and executive directors as best as possible, down this strenuous path, nonetheless a promising one, fertile with more sustainable futures.”*

About emlyon business school:

Founded in 1872 by the Lyon CCI, **emlyon** business school has an enrollment of 9,050 students of 125 nationalities over 6 campuses worldwide (Lyon-Ecully, Saint-Etienne, Shanghai, Paris, Bhubaneswar and Mumbai). emlyon draws on a Faculty of 166 international professors and researchers, and a network of 200 global academic partners, to provide learning tracks of excellence opened to the world. emlyon runs a community of 41,700 alumni spread out in 130 countries. As a *Société à Mission* since July 2021, emlyon’s raison d’être consists in: *“providing life-long training and support to meaningful individuals able to transform organizations, for a fairer society, with more solidarity and respect for the planet.”* In its “makers” pedagogy, action and reflection are closely intertwined. It puts skill hybridization and social responsibility at the heart of its training programs, where the best of both socio-economic and academic worlds meet. The strategic plan “Resonance 2028” reasserts the importance of the “maker spirit” that continues to drive its students, and which has been constituting emlyon’s DNA ever since it was born. This plan was built around the 5 “maker” qualities emlyon students are expected to demonstrate, so they can become entrepreneurs for change, namely: academic excellence; entrepreneurial spirit; engagement; hybrid knowledge; resonance with society. www.em-lyon.com

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