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## Small talk could serve an evolutionary need

Princeton University research suggests that idle conversation could be a social-bonding tool. The findings could have implications for how scientists understand the evolution of primate vocalizations and human speech.



## 'Fog' computing harnesses personal devices to speed wireless networks

These networks have been dubbed "fog computing," a name that emphasizes their local, diffuse nature as opposed to more distant "cloud computing."



## With camera and determination, Riehl studies bird behavior

Assistant Professor Christina Riehl found that birds called greater anis raise their young collectively to protect against predators, but also destroy their nest mates' eggs.



### **New plasma-based method to treat radioactive waste**

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory scientists proposed a new technique known as plasma mass filtering that could reduce the cost of nuclear waste disposal and the amount of byproducts produced.



### **More aggressive climate policies are needed to save the future poor**

A new model developed at Princeton University predicts that, if current climate policies remain the same, the world's future poor will be even worse off than impoverished people today.



## Events



### **Exhibition to feature historic photos of Cuban revolution**

Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall  
Through Jan. 29, 2016

### **Exhibition spotlights Princeton's Great Persian Book of Kings**

Princeton University Art Museum  
Through Jan. 24, 2016

**Exhibition: Ursula von Rydingsvard and Others: Materials and Manipulations**

Princeton University Art Museum  
Through Feb. 7, 2016

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