

# Future Directions of the Cambridge Centre for Risk Studies

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#### **Research Evaluation Framework**



























- "We consider CCRS a world class organisation in the theory and application of risk analysis and value their conferences, publications and thought leadership..."
- [The CCRS report] has underpinned the extension of Pool Re's coverage to include cyber terrorism."
- Partnering with CCRS on some of the world's greatest and most complex risks allows us to develop our own view of risk based on the most expert of analysis... "
  - " ...one of the leading thinkers in the emerging threat area of cyber ... "
- Research institutions at University of Cambridge are evaluated on the 'Impact' of their research output - how publications have influenced business decisions
- We have been reaching out to our research partners to ask for testimonials of our business impact



#### **Research Focus for 2018**

### Impact of research on business decisions

- Improve our understanding of how our research outputs are used by private sector organizations
- Optimize research outputs to maximize their influence
- Make outputs accessible in more useable formats



#### **Areas of Research Focus 2018**



### Integrated Risk Assessment

Multi-threat Cambridge Risk Framework, scenarios, risk indexes, emerging risks, and their application to business decisions.



## Risks and the Digital Economy

Cyber risk and risks inherent in the growth of the digital economy, exploring social, political, and economic dimensions of the proliferation of big data and Al.



**Risky Futures** 

Trend risks and business decisions

Risks resulting from longer term changes to the environment, society, and business, and how businesses should prepare for these potential outcomes



## **Understanding Corporate Risks**

Aligning research activities and outputs to business decisions in organizations, and applications in improving risk management practices and business strategy.

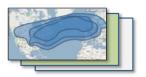


### **Integrated Risk Assessment**

Threat Maps



Scenarios



**Exposure Data** 



**Network Models** 



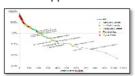
Risk Models & Output Data



**Software Platform** (Cambridge Risk Framework)

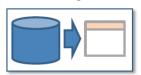


Use Cases
Business Applications



Private Portals

APIs & Modelling Interfaces



- Improving the Cambridge Risk Framework to make it useful in business decisions
  - Improving granularity, precision, and confidence in assessments
- Enterprise Risk Management: Integrating external shock risk into internal risk management for organizations
- Identifying insurance opportunity
  - Completing multi-line insurance exposure data schemas to operationalize scenarios on portfolios



### Making Scenarios More Useful: CCRS Evolution

2013



Insurance industry loss estimate and Line of Business scorecard

2014

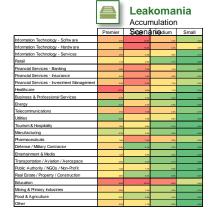




Published calculations for portfolio-specific loss estimation

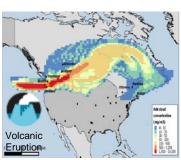
2015





Scenario loss calculations as SQL queries 2016





Loss Models on Pandora Platform 2017





Scenario Best Practice Guide and Multi-Line Exposure Data Schema

### **Combining Internal Risks with External Risk Register**

#### **Internal Risk Register**

Company-specific identification of threats

#### **External Risk Register**

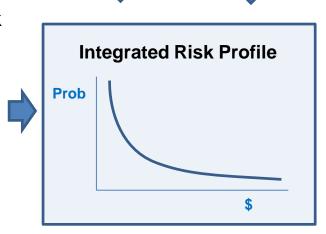
Taxonomy of global threats to business and economic activity



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#### **Company-Specific Inputs**

- Business Network
  - Locations and revenue sources
- Activity Matrix
- Scenarios from internal risk register



#### **Outputs and Applications**

- Annual report risk declarations
  - 10K and other reporting
- Regulatory risk reporting
  - Long term viability statements
  - Insurance purchasing strategy
- Crisis and continuity management
  - Management stress tests
- Emerging risk monitoring and stress test design
- Monitoring of risk metrics for business units





## Integrated Risk Assessment Potential Research Topics

- Improving the core analytics in Pandora
  - Granularity, completeness, and sectoral coverage
- Understanding 'resilience' and recovery economics
- Data standards for risk profiling of organizations
- Developing risk indices and benchmarking
- Identifying insurance opportunities
  - Mapping insurance exposure to threats, geographies, and coverages
- Profiling and managing the external risks of an organization
  - Integrating internal risk register with external risk information
  - Corporate 'risk accounting'; 10K reporting; which divisions are riskiest?
  - How does an EP curve help with corporate decision-making?
  - Risk assessment of Supply Chains
  - Assessment of Counterparty risk
- Municipal risk management for major cities



## Integrated Risk Assessment Maximizing the Impact of Research Outputs

Which types of Research Outputs will help with business decisions?

- Operational risk and crisis management
- Threat Assessments for Key Facilities
- 10K and Long Term Viability Statements
- Risk Accounting attribution of risk to departments
- Cross Balance Sheet Analysis
- Insurance purchasing optimization tools

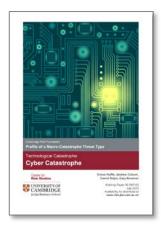


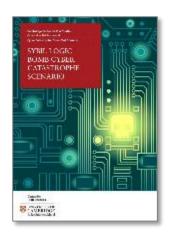


### **Risks and the Digital Economy**

- Taking CCRS cyber risk research to the next level
  - Improving assessment of cyber risk
- Measuring cyber threat trends
  - Moving from the anecdotal to the quantification
- Integrating cyber risk analytics into risk management for organizations

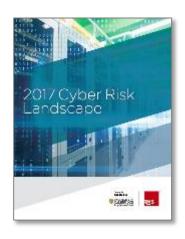
### Five Years of Cyber Risk Research











2013

Cyber Catastrophe Threat Monograph

Research into cyber threat and its potential to generate systemic shocks to the global economy 2014

Sybil Logic Bomb Stress Test Scenario

Development of a stress test scenario for an algorithmic cyber event that causes systemic loss Business Blackout CNI Scenario

2015

Exploring potential for cyber attacks against critical national infrastructure **Exposure Data Schema** and Accumulation Risk

2016

Cyber accumulation risk management and models of cyber loss to support the growth of cyber insurance Cyber Risk

2017

Monitoring changes in the cyber risk landscape and its application to terrorism and other societal issues

**Landscape Monitoring** 

## Risks and the Digital Economy Potential Research Topics

- Quantification of cyber risk
  - Assessing probabilities for cyber loss
  - Potential for systemic cyber catastrophes
  - Developing indices to track cyber threat
- Emerging issues in digital risk management
  - Cryptocurrency risks and financial services
  - Implications of Quantum Computing
  - Risks in the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution: Al and social disruption
- Understanding the motivations and capabilities of cyber threat actors
- Managing cyber terrorism
- Regional & global dimensions of cyber risk
  - Geopolitical risk and cyber warfare
  - Geography and Cyber Space
  - SE Asia and regional hubs of cyber expertise
- Strategic investment in cyber security in your company
  - The value of different components of cyber security
  - Managing exposure to your cyber counterparty supply chain
  - Managing the insider threat



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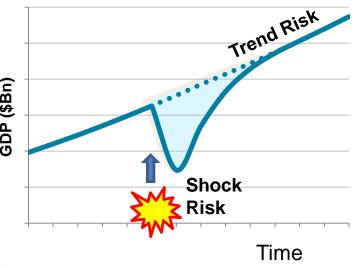
- Cost-benefit analysis of security spend
- Data attributes and toolkits needed for better analysis
- Cyber threat indices, alerts, and triggers that can be applied to risk management decisions
- Information dissemination and helping organizations learn more about the threat





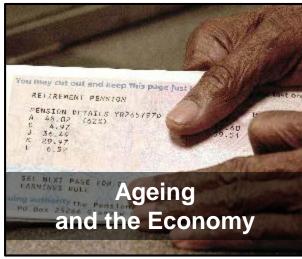
## Risky Futures Trend Risks and Business Decisions

- CCRS focus has been on shock risk
- Trend risk is equally important
- We are increasingly being asked to consider business risks that come from potential trends
- Businesses are struggling to understand how to prepare for future changes in their core assumptions



### **Risky Futures**

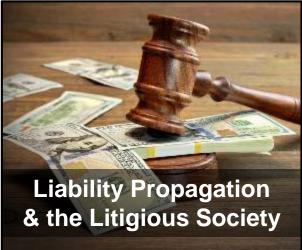












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- Communication and lobbying policy-makers
- How to help companies build these potential futures into their contingency planning
  - What kinds of investment decisions are needed?
  - How do you invest in optionality in case risky futures arrive?
  - How do you optimise decisions under deep uncertainty?
- Change management anticipating problems



#### **Research Themes for 2018**



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#### The Year Ahead

- We intend to focus on research outputs that maximize their impact on business decisions
- We will adapt research on Integrated Risk Assessment to explore the impact of EP curves on organisation's risk management decisions
- For Risks and the Digital Economy we will identify ways to help businesses assess their cyber security strategies
- We will structure views of Risky Futures that can help organisations optimise their contingency planning

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