

Title: The Future of Risk Research: Early Career Researcher perspectives

Abstract:

Risk research has made an important contribution to research on addressing the probability and severity of risks, and had a great impact on policy approaches to risk in Europe and around the world. Having grown as a discipline over the last 40 years, many within the field feel that the discipline and society is at a crossroads. Past Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) conferences have seen roundtables and panels focused on whether risk analysis has a future, for example, discussing events in Europe and the US regarding the turn away from evidence-based policy and decision making, and the decline in specifically risk research-focused groups in certain nations.

This panel addresses these concerns from the perspective of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) from a range of disciplines and national contexts within the Society for Risk Analysis. We aim to uncover new perspectives on topics discussed at previous conferences, including whether risk research is in decline, the view from ECRs about where opportunities or challenges for risk research may be disciplinarily and geographically, and potential lessons for how to promote broader engagement with the discipline and the Society. We will also discuss new topics and global trends that require reflection as risk researchers, such as the rise in importance of Artificial Intelligence, misinformation, and the globalisation of risk and risk research.

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