



Emerging Risks & Exposures Seminar

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Speaker Profiles



Denise Balan
Head of US Security Risks
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Denise Balan heads AXA XL's Security Risks business (Kidnap & Ransom and Workplace Violence) in the U.S. Denise joined XL Group in 2013 to establish its Kidnap, Ransom and Extortion business, part of its regional Crisis Management & Special Risks operation in the US. AXA XL's Crisis Management & Special Risks insurance business helps businesses operate in an increasingly volatile world, providing among its programs [Kidnap, Ransom & Extortion](#), Political Violence and [Terrorism](#) insurance protection, as well as risk consultancy that helps its clients avoid or manage a crisis.

Denise has spent the majority of her 30 years in the insurance industry working with specialty lines products, including international environmental, product recall and contaminated product insurance. An undergraduate of Stony Brook University, Denise holds a Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.



David Geller, CPCU, SCLA
Senior Analyst
ISO, a Verisk company

David Geller is an Emerging Issues Senior Analyst at ISO. David has primary responsibility for research in emerging risks that may affect the insurance industry; to support product development; and to maintain the ISO Emerging Issues website. David has a variety of experience, previously being a Liability Claims Examiner and Commercial Lines Underwriter before starting at ISO. David is a credentialed Senior Claims Law Associate (SCLA) and a member of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Society (CPCU).



Jamie Bouloux
President
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Jamie Bouloux joined RSG to spearhead EmergIn Risk. Prior to joining RSG in the fall of 2015, Jamie served as the lead underwriter for CFC Underwriting's Large Corporate Cyber facility and Team Leader for the Tech and Media practice. Before joining CFC, Jamie held multiple positions at American International Group (AIG) including Head of Cyber, Technology and Media for AIG EMEA where he developed the cyber strategy for over 40 territories which were his responsibility.

Prior to his London position, Jamie was based in New York and was the Executive Liability Underwriter & Cyber Product Leader with AIG US and Canada. He also worked at AIG's International Home Office Team, helping to develop the original international cyber product and strategy.



Robin Luo
Vice President, Risk Consulting
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Robin leads MR/HSB IoT (Internet of Things) sensor commercialization activities that include product and service development, commercial strategy, and customer engagement. He started his career at HSB 15 years ago. He has held various positions with increasing responsibilities in the areas of risk modeling, catastrophe risk management, corporate underwriting, ceded reinsurance management, and enterprise risk management.

Prior to joining HSB, Robin served as the chief electrical engineer on-board ocean cargo vessels and worked as a commercial engineering manager for WIKA GmbH, a Germany based sensor automation and instrumentation engineering company.

Robin has a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and a MS degree in Statistics & Finance. He holds CPCU and ARe designations. He also held insurance producer license and surplus line broker license in Connecticut.



Christopher Sirota, CPCU
Emerging Issues Product Development Lead
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Christopher Sirota, CPCU is the Emerging Issues Product Development Lead at ISO. Christopher has primary responsibility for research in emerging risks that may affect the insurance industry to support product development and to maintain the ISO Emerging Issues website. With over 20 years at ISO, Christopher has previously been involved in product development for personal and commercial auto programs to respond to the emerging issue of telematics/connected vehicles. He also has presented at industry events on the topic.



Cathryn Thom
Vice President, Claims
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Cathryn Thom is a Vice President in the claims department of Transatlantic Reinsurance Company. She manages the D&O/E&O Professional Liability unit where she oversees a variety of claims relating to Directors and Officers, Employment Practice Liability, and Lawyers Professional Liability to name a few. Cathryn has over 20 years of experience in the insurance/reinsurance industry. Cathryn previously worked for a number of insurance companies including Travelers, Investors Underwriting Managers, and AIG. Cathryn is also a licensed New York State attorney.



Mike Visintainer
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Mike is currently COO and Head of Actuarial at Y-Risk, a company of The Hartford, exclusively focused on the Sharing and On-Demand Economy. Prior to co-founding Y-Risk Mike was Chief Actuary at SPARTA Insurance and Discover Re and held various actuarial positions at Chubb/Executive Risk and Travelers/Aetna. Mike graduated with a BS in Mathematics from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries.



John Willemsen
Managing Director, Head of Insurance Programs
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John Willemsen is Managing Director-Head of Insurance Programs at Arch Re/Watford Insurance. John is an established and recognized leader in Insurance Program business. He creates highly qualified teams to produce sustainable and profitable insurance programs that provide Program Administrators and MGAs a solid foundation to grow and prosper. He has an in-depth knowledge of distribution channels, regulatory and compliance issues facing carriers and agents. John was recently instrumental in the successful launching of two insurance carriers (Watford Insurance and Watford Specialty) designed specifically to cater to the needs of insurance program business. John currently serves on the Carrier Committee for Target Markets Program Administrator Association and is a frequent presenter at industry events.