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Peter Ayton is professor of Psychology at City, University of London where he has been since 1992. He has held visiting appointments at Carnegie-Mellon University; University of California, Los Angeles, INSEAD; Princeton University; University of Mannheim and the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin. His research is concerned with the experimental investigation of human judgement - especially risk perception and decision-making under uncertainty. His publications frequently address applied issues including the impact of computerised advice on radiologists' cancer screening decisions; magistrates' bail decision-making; effect of personality and emotion on stock traders' decisions, optimistic bias in convicted prisoners, procrastination in anaesthetists' decision-making and the misconceptions of professional footballers. He has also published papers investigating cognitive illusions such as the sunk cost fallacy, the gambler's fallacy, the hot hand fallacy and overconfidence. His books include "Judgmental Forecasting" (1987); "Subjective Probability" (1994) and "Myths and Facts about Football" (2008).



Mary Hardy, University of Waterloo

Mary Hardy is a Professor of Actuarial Science at the University of Waterloo. Her research covers applied risk management in life insurance and pensions. Her early work with Phelim Boyle on modelling and risk management for equity-linked life insurance led to a better understanding of the underlying risks, and significantly enhanced capital requirements in North America in the early 2000s. Her current research focus is on the analysis of risk and risk management for hybrid pension designs, including DB underpin/Floor Offset and Cash Balance plans.

Dr Hardy has co-authored around 50 papers and two (and three-quarters) books on topics in actuarial risk management. She is a past Editor-in-Chief of the North American Actuarial Journal and of the Annals of Actuarial Science. She has served as a Director and as a Vice President of the Society of Actuaries. In 2012, Dr Hardy was awarded the Finlaison Medal of the UK Institute and Faculty of Actuaries for services to the actuarial profession in the areas of governance, teaching, research, and the application of research to practice.



Yue Kuen Kwok, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Yue Kuen Kwok is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). He is the founding director of MSc degree in Financial Mathematics and the director of BSc degree in Mathematics and Economics at HKUST. Professor Kwok's research interests concentrate on pricing and risk management of financial derivatives and structured insurance products. He has published more than 100 research articles in major research journals in quantitative finance and actuarial sciences. In addition, he is the author of two books on quantitative finance: "Mathematical Models of Financial Derivatives", second edition, (2008), and "Saddlepoint Approximation Methods in Financial Engineering" (2018), both published by Springer. He has provided consulting services to a number of financial institutions on various aspects of structured products trading and credit risk management. He has served in the editorial boards of Journal of Economic and Dynamics Control, Asian-Pacific Financial Markets and International Journal of Financial Engineering. He received his PhD degree in Applied Mathematics from Brown University in 1985.

**Johnny Li, Actuarial Research Centre, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries**

Johnny Li is Professor of Actuarial Studies at The University of Melbourne. He is a Co-Editor of the North American Actuarial Journal and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association. His research has earned several awards, including an Annual Prize from the North American Actuarial Journal, the Harold D. Skipper Best Paper Award from the Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association, and the Redington Prize and the Edward A. Lew Award from the Society of Actuaries. Recently, he has joined Eckler Canada as an advisor on the company's predictive modelling work. He has also worked collaboratively with the Society of Actuaries and the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries on various research projects. He became an Associate Director of the Actuarial Research Centre (ARC) of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in September 2018.

**Greg Taylor, University of New South Wales**

Greg Taylor is Adjunct Professor in the School of Risk and Actuarial Studies at the University of New South Wales, a position he has held since 2005. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Gradient Institute, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to facilitation of the ethical use of algorithms.

He worked as an actuary in industry over the 44 years 1962-1968 and 1977-2013, and spent the intervening period 1969-1976 as an academic. Of the 44 years in industry, 35 were spent as a consulting actuary, mainly concerned with general insurance.

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**Jae Youn Ahn, Ewha Womans University**

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**Amanda Aitken, Actuaries Institute**

Amanda Aitken is an Actuarial Educator at the Actuaries Institute. She brings her passion for teaching and years of actuarial experience to this role, which is focussed on redeveloping the Actuary and Fellowship subjects. Amanda's actuarial background is in workers' compensation. Amanda was also previously a director of Actuarial Edge, where she was involved in a variety of analytical projects, including forecasting membership profiles of sporting clubs and building remuneration optimisation models. Amanda is currently a member of the Data Analytics Practice Committee and the Code of Conduct Guidance Task Force.

**Anthony Asher, University of New South Wales**

Anthony Asher is an Associate Professor in the School of Risk and Actuarial Studies at the University of New South Wales. He is well known for his interest in ethics in professional life, particularly the social impact of actuarial work. On the one hand this has led to product development, where benefits (and underlying investments) match the particular needs of the bereaved, the disabled and the elderly. On the other hand it has led to questions of professional education and regulation that support the development of judgement and justice. His current research is centred on the addressing the role of greed in financial markets.

**Benjamin Avanzi, University of New South Wales**

Benjamin Avanzi PhD MAICD will join the University of Melbourne as Professor of Actuarial Studies in 2020. He worked as an actuarial consultant in Switzerland and Canada, was Executive Chairman of the Board of a Swiss pension fund from 2006 to 2008, and held full-time academic positions in Australia and Canada since 2008. Benjamin is a member of the Swiss Association of Actuaries, an Affiliate member of the Australian Actuaries Institute, an Academic member of the Casualty Actuarial Society, as well as a member of ARIA and the ASTIN section of the IAA. He has ongoing collaboration with major Australian non-life insurers, including Allianz, Insurance Australia Group, and Suncorp. Benjamin has published in top actuarial and operations management journals, and he was awarded (along with co-authors) the Hachemeister Prize by the Casualty Actuarial Society in 2017, and the Taylor Fry General Insurance Seminar Silver Prize in 2018. He is an Editor of the ASTIN Bulletin, an Associate Editor of Insurance: Mathematics and Economics, as well as a member of the Editorial Board of the open access journal Risks.

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Guillaume is a PhD student and PhD Teaching Fellow in the department of Risk and Actuarial Studies at UNSW Sydney. His research is supported financially by both UNSW (UIPA Scholarship) and Quebec's government (FRQNT PhD Scholarship). He was a finalist in UNSW's 3 Minutes Thesis Competition 2018. He also won the prize for best presentation at the 2019 conference 'Perspectives on Actuarial Risks in Talks of Young Researchers' in Sibiu, Romania.

**Mike Callan, Actuaries Institute**

Mike has 30 years actuarial experience across the world and has spent the last 5 years in the education space. He is currently responsible for building a team to design, develop and teach post-university actuarial subjects.

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Rob is the founder of Boxer, a technology company that supports better financial modelling. Boxer provides integrated systems that allow higher confidence in financial models and more time to add real value. Rob is also the Secretary of the Data Analytics Practice Committee and was heavily involved in the development of the Data Analytics Principles subject.

**Runhuan Feng, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Dr. Runhuan Feng is an Associate Professor of Actuarial Science and the Director of Actuarial Science, State Farm Companies Foundation Scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst. He has published extensively on top-tier finance and actuarial journals with regard to equity-linked insurance, risk theory, pension and retirement planning and FinTech & InsurTech market innovations. He led the Society of Actuaries' first industry survey on nested stochastic modeling and performed subsequent research study to create resources for financial reporting actuaries on computational methods to speed up nested simulations. Runhuan also has keen interest on risk analysis and data analytics for regulation and public policy making. His work in collaboration with State Universities Annuity Association and state legislators led to a legislative proposal to address the underfunding issue of the Illinois retirement systems.

**Yang Feng, University of New South Wales**

I am Yang Feng, a Ph.D. candidate in the second year from the School of Risk and Actuarial Studies, UNSW Business School, The University of New South Wales. My supervisors are Dr. Jinxia Zhu and Prof. Tak Kuen Siu. My research interests are optimal control, stochastic modeling in insurance and finance.

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Giovani Gracianti is currently a graduate researcher in the Centre for Actuarial Studies University of Melbourne in the area of Climate Change and Weather/Climate Risk Management. She completed a double degree in Applied Mathematics and Informatics Engineering from Universitas Pelita Harapan, Indonesia. Then, she completed a Master of Science degree in Numerical Techniques for Finance from the University of Nottingham UK. After two years working as a junior consultant and academia, she pursued a Master of Actuarial Science program at the University of Waterloo, Canada. She has actively involved in the Risk Management, Economic Sustainability, and Actuarial Science Development in Indonesia (READI project) since 2015. Before her PhD in Australia, she was an Executive Director of the Society of Actuaries of Indonesia.

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Tim Gummer is an Actuarial Science honours student at Curtin university. He is currently studying associate-level actuarial subjects alongside his honours dissertation. In additions to aspirations of become an actuary, Tim has a passion for education which he has developed as a sessional tutor at Curtin. He is also an active member of the actuarial student community being a committee member for the Student Actuarial Society for the past three years.

**Katja Hanewald, University of New South Wales**

Katja Hanewald is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Risk and Actuarial Studies. She is also an Associate Investigator in the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), where she is developing the research program of CEPAR's Australia-China Population Ageing Research Hub. Her research addresses risk management and insurance aspects of population ageing with a focus on China. Her current research investigates optimal retirement financial decisions of older households in China and the design of retirement financial products such as reverse mortgages, long-term care insurance, and annuities. Katja held academic positions at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (2008-2010), and at the University of New South Wales (2011-2013), and worked at the German Federal Ministry of Finance (2013-2015). She obtained her doctoral degree in Economics from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in November 2010.

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Mark joined Curtin University in 2017 as Senior Lecturer bringing over 15 years of business experience and five years of education experience to the actuarial program. Mark is a qualified Fellow who clearly communicates his cash flow and risk-based modelling approaches to inform business decisions. He has advised on life assurance provisions, life assurance and health insurance retail products, investment portfolios, derivative structured products and corporate acquisitions. Mark leverages his industry experience to guide practical research in Investment, Finance and Enterprise Risk Management. He has presented with his students at a number of domestic and international conferences.

**Georgina Hemmings, Institute of Actuaries of Australia**

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