



INSIGHTS AND IMPACT

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THE RISK QUOTIENT 2020

Navigating the post COVID-19 era in Asia

How will Asia look like post COVID-19? We're delighted to present the third instalment of the Risk Quotient! Join us as we bring together leading scholars and experts from academia, industry and government to discuss COVID-19's impact on technology, economies and societies. The conference programme includes keynote speeches, panel presentations and discussions, and will be broadcasted live from South Korea via the [NUScast YouTube channel](#).

The Risk Quotient 2020 is jointly organised by IPUR and the Korea Policy Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (KPC4IR). It is an annual dialogue to improve the understanding of risk and ground better decision-making.

Find out more [here](#).



USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO UNDERSTAND ATTITUDES TOWARDS HEALTH RISK

Assistant Professor Jiang Shaohai from the Department of Communications and New Media successfully employed a mixed-methods research framework to contribute to a timely study on knowledge about COVID-19, attitude towards health risk, disease prevention, and actual protective behaviours in China.

First trialed in a research project on perceptions towards HPV vaccinations in China funded by IPUR, the framework utilises big data analytics in social media to guide survey development for quicker and more targeted research. Check out the impact video and story [here](#).



PARADOX OF TRUST

Perceived risk and public compliance during COVID-19 in Singapore

Trust in a competent government should not lead one to assume that little or no individual action is required to manage risks. Our team found that high levels of public trust in Singapore during the COVID-19 pandemic was associated with lower levels of compliance and a belief that individual action was not required for effective risk management.

Read the paper published in Journal of Risk Research by Lead Scientist, [Olivia Jensen](#) and Research Fellow, [Catherine Wong](#), [here](#).

WEF REPORT: "CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE POST COVID-19 WORLD "

What might the future hold in a post-COVID-19 era? Are there lessons to be drawn and if so, what are they? IPUR contributed an invited chapter to the World Economic Forum report which offers perspectives on a post-pandemic future. Click [here](#) to find out more.

FRESH FACES

We're pleased to welcome Dr Carolyn Lo and Mr Jared Ng to the team



Dr Carolyn Lo joins IPUR as a Research Fellow. Her current projects include investigating the psychological beliefs of people with chronic diseases and developing interventions that enable improved disease management.

Click [here](#) to see Carolyn's profile.



Mr Jared Ng joins IPUR as the Communications Manager. With a focus on content development, he will showcase the Institute's work through its social media platforms and communications channels.

Click [here](#) to see Jared's profile.





INOCULATION AGAINST FAKE NEWS

Congratulations to Dr Catherine Wong, Research Fellow at IPUR, for being awarded a project grant by the NUS Centre for Trusted Internet and Community. Her project will focus on an experiment using a fake news game in the context of COVID-19 to understand behaviours pertaining to mistruths or falsehoods.

IPUR SEED GRANT CALL 2020

We're happy to announce that the IPUR Seed Grant Call 2020 is now open! The highlight of this year's grant call is the opportunity for researchers to study topics using the World Risk Poll dataset and the Risk Pulse Monitor (RPM) platform.

The Lloyd's Register Foundation World Risk Poll is the world's largest study into how people think and feel about risk and safety. Conducted by Gallup across 142 countries, the dataset covers 98% of the world's adult population on the most pressing risks faced and feared.

By collecting "social signals" such as retweets or shares, the RPM measures the effects of events on the worries of social media users. For more details on the grant call, click [here](#).



UR2020 POSTPONED TO DEC 1-3, 2020

The Understanding Risk Forum 2020 will be going fully virtual and from Dec 1-3. You can expect keynotes, plenaries and other exciting surprises. Topics covered will include AI/machine learning, risk assessment and risk communication, stakeholder collaboration, data visualisation and other new technologies in disaster risk identification. Look out for a session where IPUR presents key insights pertaining to risk experience and perception. Find out more details about UR2020 [here](#).