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IPUR partnering with UN to develop first Global Risk Report

IPUR is proud to announce a partnership with the United Nations Executive Office of the Secretary General (UN EOSG) to develop the first UN Global Risk Report. The report presents the analysis of a survey of various stakeholders including member states, the private sector and civil society among others stakeholders on their perceptions of the most urgent and important global risks, interactions between risks and the potential for polycrisis, and the multilateral system's preparedness to mitigate these risks. The report contributes to the call of the UN SG United Nations' seminal UN75 Declaration to "learn, share experiences and information to reduce risks and make our systems more resilient". It is expected to be launched at the Summit of the Future in New York in September 2024."



Individuals with type 2 diabetes (T2D) are more likely to exhibit lower growth mindsets and less self-efficacy towards their blood glucose compared to those without T2D. A <u>study</u> led by IPUR Research Fellow <u>Dr Carolyn Lo</u> presents a new understanding to how patients' beliefs may influence motivation and behaviour to profoundly improve diabetes care and health outcomes. Findings from the study show that addressing a patient's mindset towards diabetes and promoting self-management efficacy can reduce psychological barriers that hinder necessary lifestyle modifications and medication adherence. <u>Read more</u>.



How can we ensure that society as a whole is prepared for broad implicating risks such as natural hazards while at the same time taking action against everyday risks such as health and safety? To address this, IPUR organised The Risk Quotient Conference 2024 in

Melbourne on 29 February with the Melbourne Centre for Behaviour Change.

With the theme, "Intersecting risks: Perils, Perceptions and Possibilities", speakers from 7 countries presented papers on building disaster resilience, mitigating health risks and how individual risk tolerance is influenced by emotions and mindsets. Prof Kathryn Bowen delivered the keynote address "The role of risk in informing climate change action – a help or a hindrance?" where she underscored the importance and challenge of climate change. Read more.



IPUR's revamped "Understanding and Communicating Risk" online course has launched on EdX, featuring more updated materials and resources to give learners a comprehensive understanding of the concepts, strategies and best practices in effective risk communication. New course materials include a module on creative risk communication techniques by practitioners David Reid and Pablo Suarez. The course is relevant to professionals and students interested in how to have more effective conversations about risk.

Coupled with existing modules and case studies which bring issues to life, learners can expect to become proficient in understanding how fundamental concepts and techniques can be employed to address practical challenges of risk communication. Learners on the course are also given opportunities to apply their learning through engaging exercises based on real-world cases. The course is accessible to everyone, leading to a verified certificate for completion, with no academic pre-requisites. Find out more.

## **EVENT**



In 2022, Singapore announced its goal to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050 and set out a Long-Term Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS) to chart the pathway to achieving this goal. For Singapore to achieve its target, ambitious and collective action is needed by the whole of society. Alongside actions by Government and the private sector, individuals have an essential role to play through their day-to-day decisions about the goods and service they buy as well as through their support for public policies.

This event will launch the "Getting to Net Zero Report" – a collaborative study of public perceptions of Net Zero conducted by IPUR, the LKY Centre for Innovative Cities at SUTD, and the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment. Speakers include Prof Cheong Koon Hean, Chairman, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, SUTD, and Prof Low Teck Seng, Senior Vice President (Sustainability and Resilience), NUS. Register here.

## **INTERNSHIP**

## **Communications and Design Intern**

We are seeking a motivated and creative Communications and Design Intern to join IPUR. This internship offers an exciting opportunity to gain hands-on experience in both communications and design in the area of risk communication. The ideal candidate should possess strong visual communication skills and be eager to learn and grow in a collaborative setting. Click here for more information and to apply.

# **INSIGHT**

### Dr Yiyun Shou featured in BASF Magazine

<u>Dr Yiyun Shou</u>, IPUR Lead Scientist (Health and Lifestyle) was recently featured in the BASF corporate magazine *Creating Chemistry*. Dr Shou spoke about what successful health risk communication looks like and the challenges involved in remaining adaptable to make the right decisions. She also cautioned against an infodemic – an excessive amount of information about an issue that is typically unreliable, spreads rapidly, and makes a solution more difficult to achieve. Read more.

### **Bridging research and practice**

Following the launch of a 3-part risk communication masterclass, IPUR organised an

expert consultation session bringing together <u>Prof Paul Slovic</u> and three risk practitioners to discuss challenges faced in the community. The session, held on 23 November 2023, had two primary objectives:

- 1. Provide a platform for experts and risk practitioners to discuss and consult on everyday tangible challenges faced in the community.
- 2. For the expert to translate research into information that is relevant and useful for the practitioners.

Watch the full session here.

## New Risk Know-How platform to help communities talk about risk

A new, updated Risk Know-How platform has been launched to provide case studies and curated materials tailored to help frontline risk communicators. The platform is built around the Risk Know-How Framework – a summary of the key concepts needed to unpack risk information, developed with leading risk experts and community representatives. Risk Know-How aims to empower communities to respond to the risks they face in their lives. To do this, the community works with people across the world who have to regularly communicate risk information. Read more.

