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The New Topography of the Risk Landscape

Abstract

Climate change, innovation and new technologies, developments in legislation, our economic rules and globalization, human behaviour and ambitions, political instabilities as well as systemic dependencies which have developed as a consequence of complexity describe the different dimensions of a risk space which cannot be considered any longer in terms of static, linear parameters.

The dynamics of our “Risk System Earth” accelerated so much in the past decade that we cannot neglect any longer the interdependencies of the different dimensions which sometimes exhibit almost chaotic behaviour.

Additionally, speed of innovation also reduces time and creativity needed by organisations to manage risks and to navigate through the new dynamic, multi-dimensional risk topography. Thus risk management needs to develop appropriate approaches, methods, and tools which make use of our new information, communication and data processing possibilities to cope with these challenges.



Short biographical notes

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