

## AFOSR Workshop on Catastrophic Risks June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> at SRI

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Kenneth J. Arrow, born in 1921, received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1951. He has taught at the University of Chicago, Stanford University, and Harvard University. He has worked on economic theory in various aspects, including social choice, general equilibrium, health economics, inventory theory, and the economics of risk-bearing and information. He received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science in 1972.

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Professor Terence (Temisan) D. Agbeyegbe is a Professor of Economics at Hunter College and Graduate Center, City University of New York. He began his study of economics at University of Essex, where he received a B.A. in mathematical economics. After earning a M.S. in statistics from University College, London, he returned to pursue his study of economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he received a M.S. degree. He began teaching at Rutgers University in 1983 after obtaining a Ph. D. in economics from University of Essex. He moved to Hunter College in 1989. Today, he regularly teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in development economics, macroeconomics and econometrics. He has also taught courses at Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, Fordham Graduate School of Business, New York and the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. He was the Courtney Blackman Chair of Money, Banking and

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His research ranges across many fields within economics and includes work on continuous-time econometrics, natural resource price movements, commodity markets, monetary policy, finance and emerging markets. His current research interest is continuous-time econometrics is on stochastic delay differential equations. He is also working on term structure models in finance and exchange rate modeling issues.

In addition to his duties at Hunter, he is a research associate with The Caribbean Center for Monetary Studies, The University of The West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. Professor Agbeyegbe also serves on the board of several academic journals including the Journal of Asian Economics, where he has served as an Executive Editor. Since coming to Hunter, he has done extensive work in Barbados, India, Jamaica and Nigeria. Professor Agbeyegbe has held advisory and consulting positions with international agencies, such as the United Nations (UNDP, UNECA) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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Christopher C. Barton is Professor of Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems at the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Wright State University since 2004 and Associate Director of the Columbia University Consortium for Risk Management in a Changing Environment. He is a pioneer in the identification and quantification of nonlinear dynamics and complexity in earth, environmental, human, and economic systems. He uses the mathematical tools of fractals, chaos, and complexity to analyze, model,

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Richard Ericson was born a U.S. citizen in Mexico in 1949, and has lived in the United States since 1951. He graduated from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1971, received an MIA Degree from the Columbia University School of International Affairs in 1974, and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1979.

Beginning with his dissertation on the Soviet Industrial Supply System, Professor Ericson has done research and teaching in economic theory, the Soviet economy, and the Russian transition at Harvard University (1978-1983), Yale University (1982), Northwestern University (1981, 1983-1985), the New Economic School in Moscow (1996), Urals State University in Ekaterinburg (1999, 2000), the Kazakh National University in Almati (2002), Columbia University (1985-2003), and East Carolina University (2003-present). He has served as Associate Director (1991) and Director (1992-1995) of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University, and is currently Chair and Professor in the Harriot College Economics Department at East Carolina University, Chairman of the International Advisory Board of the EERC (Economic Education and Research Consortium) Network Program, and member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of EERC, Inc. Professor Ericson has made frequent visits to the Soviet Union, Russia, Ukraine, and to the other successor states, for teaching and research on their economies, and for participation in economics training programs (NES and EERC). His publications include scholarly articles in conference volumes, and in academic journals such as *Econometrica*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economic Systems*, and *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. He is on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Post-Soviet Affairs*, and *Post-Soviet Economics and Geography*. His current research is on the economics of transition from a command to a market economy, on the impact of the institutional and structural legacies of the Soviet economic system, on game-theoretic analyses of refugee negotiations, and on modeling decision-making in the face of uncertainty and extreme risk.

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Peter J. Hammond was born in Marple, then in Cheshire. He began his university career in 1964, first studying mathematics (as an Open Scholar), then economics at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Early in 1964 some of his interests were transferred from playing games to reading about game theory. Soon this developed into formally studying the application of game theory, and of mathematical and probabilistic tools more generally, not only to economics but to other social sciences, and even to philosophy.

He became an Emeritus Professor at Stanford in 2007, since when he has been a Professor of Economics at the University of Warwick. From 1976 to 1980 he was a managing editor of the *Review of Economic Studies*. He remains an Advisory Editor of *Social Choice and Welfare*. He has benefited from a Guggenheim Fellowship and an Alexander von Humboldt research award. He is the co-author of the textbooks *Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis* and *Further Mathematics for Economic Analysis*, both published by Pearson Education.

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Dr. Jamie Kruse is recognized for her research in economics and decision making under uncertainty especially as it relates to natural hazards. She completed her doctoral work at University of Arizona under dissertation advisor, Vernon Smith (2002 Nobel Laureate). Dr. Kruse has published over fifty refereed journal articles in addition to proceedings, abstracts and reports. Her work has appeared in *Econometrica*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Natural Hazards Review*, *Journal of Wind Engineering and Industrial Aerodynamics*, *Environmetrics*, *Weather and Forecasting*, *Journal of Risk and Insurance* and others. She has held faculty positions at the University of Colorado, Texas Tech University, East Carolina University and a visiting position at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Her funded research has been supported by National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Niagara Mohawk, State of Texas and the State of North Carolina. She has been PI or Co-I of research projects totaling almost \$20 million.

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His research has recently focused on the relationship between individual and collective economic behaviour and the role of direct interactions between economic agents in determining aggregate outcomes. His work is particularly focused on how economic systems can suddenly develop crises without any exogenous shock. He has also worked on general equilibrium theory, international trade, game theory, information, social choice, networks and economic justice. He has published 150 articles in international scientific journals. He is the author and editor of twelve books and his most recent one was published in July 2010 by Routledge and is entitled *Complex Economics: Individual and Collective Rationality*.

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Bala Rajaratnam received the DARPA young faculty award, DARPA's distinguished career award, in Mathematics in 2011. He was also awarded the mathematical geosciences award by the National Science Foundation, and was ranked first in the nation for the collaborative mathematical geosciences awards. He was an invited contributor to the writing of the recent national white paper on mathematical geosciences. He has also been the recipient of several other awards and recognitions. He has been a keynote and invited speaker at various workshops/conferences/seminars

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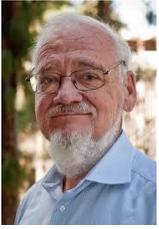


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Peter Eisenberger has studied and worked in the applied sciences field for more than four decades. He started his career at Bell Laboratories in 1968 where from 1974-1981 he was a department head and his research interests involved using X-ray produced by Synchrotron radiation to study the structural properties of complex solids and surfaces. In 1981, Eisenberger joined Exxon Research and Engineering Company as Director of their Physical Sciences laboratory, where he remained until 1989.

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Throughout his work career, Eisenberger has remained active in various academic roles and scientific associations. He was a consulting professor at Stanford University's Applied Physics Department from 1981-1987, chair of the Advanced Photon Steering Committee and a participant in National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and Department of Energy (DOE) studies. Eisenberger is a fellow of both the American Physical Society and the American Association of the Advancement of Science. He was one of the authors of the National Action Plan for Materials Science and Engineering and was a member of the Commission of the Future of the National Science Foundation (NSF). He was chair of the Advisory Committee in the

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