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Insurers: use analytics to drive far more value from your most important asset -- data! Today, many insurers radically underutilize their data, leaving them vulnerable to traditional and non-traditional competitors alike. Now, drawing on 25 years of industry experience, Patricia Saporito shows how to systematically leverage analytics to improve business performance and customer satisfaction throughout any insurance business. Applied Insurance Analytics demonstrates how to use analytics to systematically improve operations ranging from underwriting and risk management to claims. Even more important: it will help you drive more value everywhere by defining a focused enterprise-wide analytics strategy, and overcoming the challenges that stand in your way. Saporito helps you assess your current analytics maturity, choose the new applications that offer the most value, and master best practices from throughout the industry and beyond. Throughout, she helps you gain more value from

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data assets, technologies and tools you've already invested in. You'll find new case studies, practical tools, and easy templates for improving the "Analytics IQ" of your entire enterprise. For every insurance industry professional and manager concerned with analytics, including users, IT pros, sales/marketing specialists, and data scientists. This book will also be valuable to students in any MBA or other program focused on insurance or risk management, and to many students in IT or analytics-specific programs.

This report provides an overview of the financial impact of cyber incidents, the coverage of cyber risk available in the insurance market, the challenges to market development and initiatives to address those challenges.

The United States is unique among economically advanced nations in its reliance on employers to provide health benefits voluntarily for workers and their families. Although it is well known that this system fails to reach millions of these individuals as well as others who have no connection to the work place, the system has other weaknesses. It also has many advantages. Because most proposals for health care reform assume some continued role for employers, this book makes an important contribution by describing the strength and limitations of the current system of employment-based health benefits. It provides the data and analysis needed to understand the historical, social, and economic dynamics that have shaped present-day arrangements and outlines what might be done to overcome some of the access, value, and equity problems associated with current employer, insurer, and government policies and practices. Health insurance terminology is often perplexing, and this volume defines essential concepts clearly and carefully. Using an array of primary sources, it provides a store of information on who is covered for what services at what costs, on how programs vary by employer size and industry, and on what

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governments do--and do not do--to oversee employment-based health programs. A case study adapted from real organizations' experiences illustrates some of the practical challenges in designing, managing, and revising benefit programs. The sometimes unintended and unwanted consequences of employer practices for workers and health care providers are explored. Understanding the concepts of risk, biased risk selection, and risk segmentation is fundamental to sound health care reform. This volume thoroughly examines these key concepts and how they complicate efforts to achieve efficiency and equity in health coverage and health care. With health care reform at the forefront of public attention, this volume will be important to policymakers and regulators, employee benefit managers and other executives, trade associations, and decisionmakers in the health insurance industry, as well as analysts, researchers, and students of health policy.

This is the first comprehensive study of the history, politics, and economics of the insurance industry in the United States. It is designed as a theoretical challenge to the conventional wisdom in political economy which says that regulation benefits the regulated. In fact, Meier shows that because the insurance industry is far too divided to impose its will on the regulatory system, the political economy of regulation is actually the product of a complex interaction of industry interests, consumer groups, insurance regulations, and political elites. Using both historical and quantitative approaches, the author examines a variety of insurance issues including the development of insurance regulation; the impact of regulation on the availability and price of insurance; the stringency of state regulation; and the product liability insurance crisis of 1985-86. The book concludes with a series of recommendations for reforming the regulation of insurance. Many Americans believe that people who lack health

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insurance somehow get the care they really need. Care Without Coverage examines the real consequences for adults who lack health insurance. The study presents findings in the areas of prevention and screening, cancer, chronic illness, hospital--based care, and general health status. The committee looked at the consequences of being uninsured for people suffering from cancer, diabetes, HIV infection and AIDS, heart and kidney disease, mental illness, traumatic injuries, and heart attacks. It focused on the roughly 30 million -- one in seven--working--age Americans without health insurance. This group does not include the population over 65 that is covered by Medicare or the nearly 10 million children who are uninsured in this country. The main findings of the report are that working-age Americans without health insurance are more likely to receive too little medical care and receive it too late; be sicker and die sooner; and receive poorer care when they are in the hospital, even for acute situations like a motor vehicle crash.

This book illustrates the EU-wide Solvency II framework for the insurance industry, which was implemented on January 1, 2016, after a long project phase. Analogous to the system for banks, it is based on three pillars and the authors analyze the complete framework pillar by pillar with a consistent data model for a non-life insurer, which was developed by the Research Group Financial & Actuarial Risk Management (FaRis) at the Institute for Insurance Studies of the TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences. The book leverages the long-standing and close cooperation between the University of Limerick (Ireland) and the Institute for Insurance Studies at TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences (Germany).

This thesis investigates the competitive dynamics in the global insurance industry from 1999 to 2008. After reviewing the current state of the academic debate on

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interfirm rivalry, it derives a research agenda spanning different levels of analysis and phenomena of interest. Specifically, the thesis explores (1) how and why firms continuously adjust their strategic profiles in the presence of an industry's strategic group structure, (2) whether market shocks (namely 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina) temporarily change the decision-logic underlying competitive choices, and (3) whether stock markets respond differently to competitive moves that follow a clearly stated strategic rationale.?

This book traces the development and analyses the performance of life insurance industry in India, since inception of this sector, using different business indicators over the years. It discusses the evolution and changing features of the Indian insurance industry in 3 phases: phase I from 1818 to 1956, phase II from 1956 to 2000 (known as the nationalisation period) and phase III post 2000 (called the post reform period). The book also measures the relative efficiency and productivity of the life insurance industry in India for the post-reform period, by employing Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA). Despite the fact that the life insurance sector recorded a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17% in terms of total premiums and 21% in terms of new business premium collections during the post reform period, the insurers continue to grapple with the issue of profitability. Against this background, the book presents results on the factors determining profitability of the life insurance companies using measures of efficiency and competition. By helping regulatory authorities determine the future course of action in the context of entry of

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foreign insurers and also in establishing a level playing field, the book has important policy implications.

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Industry 4.0 has spread globally since its inception in 2011, now encompassing many sectors, including its diffusion in the field of financial services. By combining information technology and automation, it is now canvassing the insurance sector, which is in dire need of digital transformation. This book presents a business model of Insurance 4.0 by detailing its implementation in processes, platforms, persons, and partnerships of the insurance companies alongside looking at future developments. Filled with business cases in insurance companies and financial services, this book will be of interest to those academics and researchers of insurance, financial technology, and digital transformation, alongside executives and managers of insurance companies.

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With the rapid development of China's insurance industry and the opening of the Chinese insurance market to the world, Chinese insurance law and regulation has become an increasingly relevant topic for insurance practitioners and academics. The Regulation of Insurance in China therefore provides a much needed analysis of the Chinese regulatory system. This is the first systematic text written in English on the regulation of insurance in China and provides a comprehensive and systematic analysis of rules of law and administrative regulations on China's insurance industry and insurance market, covering four level of regulatory hierarchy ? the statutory law, the regulations enacted by the central government (the State Council), the regulations developed by the insurance supervision and regulation authority of the State Council, and self-regulations by the insurance industry. This book is essential reading for insurance companies and legal practitioners looking to do business in China, as well as reference for lawyers practising insurance law. It is also a useful resource for students and academics studying Chinese law.

This book is written in an easy-to-understand format that allows people with limited insurance experience to better understand various areas in the insurance industry. It contains just the right mix of broad and specific information.

Insurance is perhaps the most effective device for managing 'risk,' which is a pervasive phenomenon in our lives. We can sometimes avoid or reduce it but never entirely eliminate it. Whether you are a Graduate student who is studying insurance as a part of your curriculum, or

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an Executive managing your Organization's Insurance and Risk Management Program this book will provide you with a strong conceptual foundation, comprehensive knowledge of non-life and life insurance products, and perspectives on how insurance functions as a part of the economy. Essentially, you will understand 'why' it is needed, 'what' solutions it provides, and 'how' different business processes and professionals work together to deliver the vital compensation to victims of disasters. Organized in 18 chapters that are comprehensive yet brief, it continuously relates facts to theories, concepts to processes, events to their context, and the rule-of-thumb to underlying basic principles. Thus, insurance will be demystified, and you will be empowered to decode 'insurance speak.'

At the turn of the century, the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company became the "world's largest Negro business." Located in Durham, North Carolina, which was known as the "Black Wall Street of America," this business came to symbolize the ideas of racial progress, self-help, and solidarity in America. Walter B. Weare's social and intellectual history, originally published in 1973 (University of Illinois Press) and updated here to include a new introduction, still stands as the definitive history of black business in the New South. Drawing on a wide range of sources—including personal papers of the company's leaders and oral history interviews—Weare traces the company's story from its ideological roots in the eighteenth century to its

economic success in the twentieth century. Despite the importance of insurance in enabling individual and collective social, economic, and financial activities, discussions about the macro-economic role and risks of insurance markets are surprisingly limited. The core motivation for publishing this book is to bring together academics, regulators, and industry experts to provide a multifaceted array of research and perspectives on insurance, its role and functioning, and the potential systemic risk it could create. The first part discusses the macro-economic role of insurance and how insurance is different from banking and general finance. Understanding the differences between the balance sheets of insurers and other financial intermediaries is essential to understand the potential differences in risk nature and differences in optimal regulation. The second part of the book focuses on the risks of the insurance sector and the potential for systemic risk. The various chapters discuss the risks both on the asset and liability sides of insurers' balance sheets. The third part of the book covers the impact of regulation on insurance companies. Existing regulation is often complex and has a large impact on insurance companies' decision-making and functioning. The chapters also illustrate the unintended consequences of various forms of regulation. The book concludes with a summary of a survey that has been conducted in collaboration with

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McKinsey, where insurance executives have been asked about the risks and regulation in the insurance sector. The survey provides guidance for future research on insurance markets.

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Capital Requirements, Disclosure, and Supervision in the European Insurance Industry provides an in-depth analysis of Solvency II's issues by combining both a theoretical approach and evidence of the empirical implications and effects on the European insurance industry.

This fully updated user-friendly second edition will

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quickly help you get to grips with risk management terms and techniques, and how they relate specifically to the insurance industry. It also demonstrates how Solvency II is already shaping the regulatory agenda and its likely impact on the insurance industry.

This book analyses the methodologies and functions of a systemic approach to risk governance and internal control capable of tackling the complexity of the insurance business. It focuses on the main trends currently impacting the insurance industry, characterized by new operators, new products and services, new tools, new styles of competition, and new risks. It provides tips and empirical contributions addressing the role of sound internal control and risk management models within an ongoing revision of prudential regulation to better deal with the evolving scenario where insurance activities are becoming increasingly risky and complex. The book is of particular interest to scholars and students of insurance and financial services and practitioners in the insurance industry.

The definitive compendium for the Insurance Digital Revolution From slow beginnings in 2014, InsurTech has captured US\$7billion in investment since 2010 — a 10% annual compound growth rate is predicted until at least 2020. Three in four insurance companies believe some part of their business is at risk of disruption and understanding the trends,

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drivers and emerging technologies behind Insurance's Digital Revolution is a business-critical priority for all growth-minded firms. The InsurTech Book offers essential updates, critical thinking and actionable insight — globally — from start-ups, incumbents, investors, tech companies, advisors and other partners in this evolving ecosystem, in one volume. For some, Insurance is either facing an existential threat; for others, it is a sector on the brink of transforming itself. Either way, business models, value chains, customer understanding and engagement, organisational structures and even what Insurance is for, is never going to be the same. Be informed, be part of it. Learn from diverse experiences, mindsets and applications of technologies Discover new ways of defining and grasping growth opportunities Get the inside track from innovators, disruptors and incumbents Be updated on the evolution of InsurTech, why it is happening and how it will evolve Explore visions of the future of Insurance to help shape yours The InsurTech Book is your indispensable guide to a sector in transformation.

This book examines the behavior of individuals at risk and insurance industry policy makers involved in selling, buying and regulation.

Designed as an introduction and general guide to the federal (and, by extension, state) antitrust laws that govern the activities of the insurance industry, this handbook will help you properly advise insurance clients to whom the antitrust

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laws are new territory.

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RISK IS UNCERTAINTY AS TO LOSS... RISK IS OMNIPRESENT AND ALL PERVASIVE... INSURANCE PROTECTS AGAINST THE ECONOMIC LOSS CAUSED BY RISK This book provides an actionable approach to the functions of the insurance industry in an easy to use examination of property, liability, life and health insurance coverages plus information on the basics of a risk management program.

The book analyzes the role of technology in the redefinition of the competitiveness of insurance markets. With a focus on the competitive challenges of InsurTech startup to the incumbent insurers, the book will discuss the strategic role of technology both in the development and in the distribution of insurance services and explore the customer relationship evolution following the digitalization of services offered. The book presents original theoretical and empirical contributions addressing how digitalization impacts the insurance environment and regulation, and how InsurTech development represents a threat for traditional companies, from Big Data analysis to digital devices, from personal interactivity to home automation systems development. The project's key benefit is up-to-date analysis of the competitiveness of technology usage in the insurance field, with particular reference to the distributive variable and to the future trends of the customer relationship in the short and medium-long term. The book will be of particular interest to scholars and students of insurance and financial technology.

Monica Minkel has taken more than 20 years in the financial services and insurance industry and closely analyzed the successes and failures of the business development staff.

After working with more than 100 insurance producers, Ms.

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Minkel has developed a unique perspective on what it takes to be successful. In *Five Secrets of Million Dollar Producers*, she examines the most common mistakes that Producers make. She offers concepts and strategies that are the keys to success. Organized into easy to follow steps, *Five Secrets* is a concise and well written guideline on how to avoid the pitfalls and grow your revenue quickly. This is a first edition. If you see typos, formatting errors or suggestions on content, please contact me at www.emergingrisks.net. Thank you,

Ten chapters explore the determinants of firm performance in the life insurance industry by identifying the best practices employed by leading insurers to succeed in the changing business environment. Particular attention is devoted to strategic choices in distribution systems, information technology, mergers and acquisitions, human resources, and financial strategies. Generic strategies such as cost leadership, customer focus, and product differentiation are analyzed as well as strategic practices specific to the insurance industry. The book concludes with an analysis of the future opportunities and challenges facing managers.

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This Volume of the AIDA Europe Research Series on Insurance Law and Regulation explores the key trends in InsurTech and the potential legal and regulatory issues that accompany them. There is a proliferation of ideas and concepts within InsurTech that will fundamentally change the market in the next few years. These innovations have the potential to change the way the insurance industry works and alter the relationships between customers and insurers, resulting in insurance products that are more closely aligned to individual preferences and priced more appropriately to the risk. Increasing use of technology in the insurance sector is having both a disruptive and transformative impact on areas including product development, distribution, modelling,

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underwriting and claims and administration practice. The result is a new industry, known as InsurTech. But while the insurance market looks to technology for greater efficiency, regulators are beginning to raise concerns about managing potential risks. The first part of the book examines technological innovations relevant for insurance, such as FinTech, InsurTech, Sharing Economy, and the Internet of Things. The second part then gathers contributions on insurance contract law in a digitalized world, while the third part focuses on cyber insurance and robots. Last but not least, the fourth part of the book discusses legal and ethical questions regarding autonomous vehicles and transportation, including the shipping industry, as well as their impact on the insurance sector and civil liability. Written by legal scholars and practitioners, the book offers international, comparative and European perspectives. The Chapters "FinTech, InsurTech and the Regulators" by Viktoria Chatzara, "Smart Contracts in Insurance. A Law and Futurology Perspective" by Angelo Borselli and "Room for Compulsory Product Liability Insurance in the European Union for Smart Robots?" by Aysegul Bugra are available open access under a CC BY 4.0 license at link.springer.com. All three open access chapters were funded by BIPAR.

A central, but inadequately explored issue with respect to subsidized crop insurance programs concerns the costs of delivering insurance coverage to farmers. This study examines that issue in the context of the heavily subsidized US crop insurance program which has often been put forward as a model for agricultural insurance programs in other countries. US Government programs often rely on private firms to deliver income transfers or services, which then establish their own rent-seeking lobbies, which are shared with input suppliers. This rent dispersion process is examined in the context of the U.S. agricultural insurance industry,

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which receives as much as one third of the annual subsidies that support the federal crop insurance program. We find that as total payments to insurance companies increased between 2001 and 2009, an increasingly large share of the agricultural insurance industry's rents accrued to insurance agents, although in markets where insurance companies possessed some oligopsony power, agent payments are smaller. The findings also suggest that the insurance industry (companies and independent agents) would almost surely provide the same service for substantially less than the gross revenues from the subsidies and underwriting gains they received. Value- and risk-oriented management is a holistic method of managing businesses. In this book both actuarial methods and methods pertaining to classical internal control and classical risk management are used. Therefore the approach taken is necessarily interdisciplinary. Indeed, there is a new dynamically developing field for actuaries as a result of the emphasis now on the measurement of risk. This book provides the required basic knowledge for this subject from an actuarial perspective. It enables the reader to implement in practice a risk management system that is based on quantitative methods. With this book, the reader will additionally be able to critically appraise the applicability and the limits of the methods used in modern risk management. Value-oriented Management of Risk in Insurance focuses on risk capital, capital allocation, performance measurement and value-oriented management. It also makes a connection to regulatory developments (for example, Solvency II). The reader should have a basic knowledge of probability and familiarity with mathematical concepts. It is intended for working actuaries and quantitative risk managers as well as actuarial students.

After 20 years consulting in the Title Insurance Industry,
Roger Lubeck and Chris Hanson from Corporate Behavior

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Analysts, Ltd., share their insights into leading and managing a title insurance company. Finding the right path in today's business environment requires leaders and managers to embrace change. Using examples specific to the title insurance industry, the authors explore change in the context of leadership, assessing a company, setting direction, metrics, team development, culture, starting to manage, influencing behavior, setting standards, coaching, problem solving, why meetings are important, and making change practical. Corporate Behavior Analysts, Ltd. (CBA) is a Chicago based consulting firm providing leadership and management development. Founded in 1998 by business Psychologists, Chris Hanson, Ph.D. and Roger Lubeck, Ph.D., CBA has worked with hundreds of independent title insurance agents, the two largest title insurance underwriters, and numerous Land Title Associations. As national speakers and experts on leadership and management, Roger and Chris have consulted with small and large companies in more than fifty cities in over thirty states.

Examines what would happen to the economy in general & the financial system in particular if the insurance industry experienced a solvency crisis. Includes: how a solvency crisis could arise (catastrophic increases in claims by policyholders; collapse of markets for assets held by the insurance industry; etc.); effects of a solvency crisis on the economy; & options for reducing the risks of a solvency crisis. 9 tables & figures. This book provides professional-level information on how to analyze the financial and business well-being of all types of insurance company, including Lloyd's of London syndicates. The proposed risk-based assessment framework will enable better Credit, Investment, Policy and other decisions, subject to the risk-averse stance of decision-makers.

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