

## Career Profile

Professor Paula Jarzabkowski is a global expert in disaster insurance, reinsurance, and climate resilience. She is ranked in the top 1% of scholars in Economics and Business globally and advises industry and government bodies including Lloyd's of London, and Pool Re regarding disaster protection and resilience. Paula's books *Disaster Insurance Reimagined: Protection in a Time of Increasing Risk* (Oxford U Press, 2023) and *Making a Market for Acts of God* (Oxford U Press, 2015) are foundational examples of multi-stakeholder research aimed to reduce climate vulnerability.

Currently, Paula is researching how society can increase physical, financial, social, and emotional resilience to the risk of climate change, with a particular focus on homeowner and community flood and cyclone risk, and how innovations in disaster risk financing, such as disaster liquidity insurance, can be used to support climate adaptation and response.

Paula is a Fellow of the Academy of Management, a Fellow of the British Academy, and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia. Paula is a member of the Technical Advisory group, Lloyd's of London; Expert Advisory Group, Pool Reinsurance Company UK; a Board Member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) High Level Advisory Board for the Financial Management of Catastrophic Risks; and has been Co-Chair of the Expert Advisory Group of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office, Centre for Global Disaster Protection.

## Highest Educational Qualification

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Studies, University of Warwick (2001)

## Areas of Research Expertise

- The disaster insurance and disaster resilience protection gap on multiple perils including terrorism, major weather events such as bushfires, tropical storms, and floods, and seismic events.
- Resilience and financial protection to disaster in both advanced and developing economies.
- Insurance markets as underpinning the economy, including mortgages, credit and lending.
- Establishing and evolving multi-stakeholder partnerships, known as Protection Gap Entities (PGEs) to address disaster insurance protection and disaster resilience gaps.
- Implementing resilient reconstruction and climate relocation policies

## Selected Research Grants and Consultancies

- Evaluating the Resilient Homes Fund: enhancing physical, financial, social and emotional resilience at individual and community levels following the 2022 Australian floods (2024 – 2026)
- Insurance Status review for the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority (2023)

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- Risk sharing mechanisms to mitigate the economic consequences of pandemics: mobilising insurance expertise & capital to provide solutions for the UK. UK Research & Innovation Council (2020-2021)
- Between State and Market: Making a Market for Under-Insured Risk. Leverhulme Trust (2019-2020).

## Select Awards and Recognition

- Joanne Martin Trailblazer Award, Academy of Management (2024)
- Best Paper Award, Organization and the Natural Environment, Academy of Management (2024)
- Fellow, British Academy (2020)
- Fellow, Academy of Management (2020)
- Fellow, The Academy of Social Sciences Australia (2024)

## Research Outputs

Professor Paula Jarzabkowski has won more than \$7.5 million in competitive research funding, and published more than 100 refereed academic journal papers, books and book chapters.

In addition, she has published some 35 targeted industry reports, practitioner papers and masterclasses, including most recently:

- Jarzabkowski, P., Chalkias, K. (2024). [What does climate change mean for home insurance](#). Financial Times Business School Sustainable Education case
- Jarzabkowski, P., Meissner, K., Riordan, T., (2024). [Wild weather is costing billions of dollars and putting the future of insurance in doubt](#). The Conversation. 5/09/2024.
- Jarzabkowski, P., Meissner, K., Mason, M. (2024). [Insurance Status Review and Recommendations for Lismore](#). New South Wales Reconstruction Authority. 17/05/2024.
- Jarzabkowski, P. (2024). [Are premium price increases really a way to reduce climate risk exposure?](#) Climate and Community Project. 02/05/2024.
- Jarzabkowski, P., Meissner, K., & Unger, C. (2022). Australia's new Cyclone Reinsurance Pool: Implications for insurance in a climate changed future. Australian Environmental Review, 37(3), 43-45.
- Hengst, A. Jarzabkowski, P. & M. Hoegl. (2022). Incorporating Sustainability with Profitability. Academy of Management Insights, March.
- Jarzabkowski, P., R. Bednarek, K. Chalkias, E. Cacciatori, (2022). How Nations Are Collaborating on Natural Disaster Insurance. Academy of Management Insights, February.

For more information on these publications, please view Paula's researcher profile:  
<http://researchers.uq.edu.au/researcher/15353>

## Selected Industry Engagement and Board Membership

- OECD High-Level Advisory Board for the Financial Management of Catastrophic Risks
- Lloyd's of London, Futureset, Technical Advisory Group
- Pool Reinsurance Corporation, Advisory Council