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Call for Special Session on Rethinking the Future: Insurance in Turbulent Times

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The insurance sector has experienced several successive crises in the past two decades: the Great Financial Crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, high macroeconomic volatility, and the exacerbation of geopolitical risks. In this intricate turbulent environment, what were the solutions for resilience, adaptation to shocks, and last but not least, how do big insurance companies succeed in developing their businesses?

One of the main goals of our session is to bring into the light the difficulties encountered by the insurance companies from different regions around the world (Europe, U.S., Asia, etc.), the main adaptive strategies applied in this turbulent environment, the portfolio restructuring strategies, the role of digitalisation process for the resilience during these successive and overlapping crises, etc.

We are also welcoming papers in the fields that relate the development of life and non-life insurance industries with cultural and institutional determinants, connected with the development of capital markets, and also with the banking industry, to capture complementarity or substitution relationships between them.

Also of interest are works that shed light on the role played by corporate governance in all these turbulent periods and to what extent it managed to mitigate the shocks to the performance and risks that insurance companies faced.

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