

Speaker Biographies

ROUND TABLE - Increase in life expectancy: an opportunity to seize?



Dr. France MESLÉ

Senior Researcher at the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED), France

Principal Investigator of the AXA-funded project, "Mortality Divergence and Causes of Death"

In addition to being a doctor and demographer, France Meslé serves as Senior Researcher at the *Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques* (INED) and is a member of the *Mortality, Health, Epidemiology* Research Unit, which she headed between 2003 and 2008. Her research interests lie in understanding the causes and divergences of mortality throughout the world. The analysis of long-term evolutions of mortality is at the core of her work and is grounded in reconstructing a complete set of mortality statistics based on a constant medical definition. For years, she has been coordinating an ambitious project on health crises in post-Soviet states, in collaboration with the Center of Demography and Human Ecology in Moscow, the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, and numerous representatives of post-Soviet states. She served as editor in chief of the INED web site from 1997 to 2000, the *European Journal of Population* (2000-2005) and is currently co-editor of the *Population* journal.



Lucie TALEYSON

Technical and Marketing Director, AXA Group Life Solutions

Lucie Taleyson is Head of the Technical and Marketing department of AXA Group Life Solutions within AXA France. Before that, she was the Executive Assistant to AXA Group CEO Henri de Castries and Secretary to the Board of Directors. She joined AXA in 2006 as head of Life Risks within the Group Risk Management department. Prior to joining AXA, she was in charge of Research & Development at SCOR Global Life, in particular heading the long-term care insurance research center.

ROUND TABLE - Economic crises: cyclic inevitabilities?



Prof. David WEBB

Professor & Head of the Department of Finance, London School of Economics, United Kingdom

Principal Investigator of the AXA-funded project, "Risk management and regulation of financial institutions"

Professor Webb is one of the leading academics on regulation of financial institutions and risk management issues. He has been Professor of Finance at LSE since 1991. Prior to heading the LSE Department of Finance from 2009, Professor Webb was Director of the Financial Markets Group of LSE. He is also a Council Member of the Royal Economic Society.

Professor Webb's research interests lie in financial economics and monetary theory. He is an expert in the application of the economics of information to financial decisions and market behavior. He also carries out research on insurance and reinsurance, industrial organization and governance of banking institutions, as well as pensions finance.



Eric CHANEY

Chief Economist, AXA Group, & Head of Research, AXA Investment Managers

Eric Chaney has been chief economist for the AXA Group since 2008. His mission is to provide global macroeconomic scenarios and to assess the main economic and financial risks for the Group at large and its main entities. He has been associate professor at the French National School of Administration (ENA). Since 1997, he has been a member of the French Economic Council of the Nation (CEN). He is an independent member of the French Tax Council (CPO).

ROUND TABLE - Climate change: ever faster, ever stronger?



Prof. Uwe ULBRICH

Professor at the Institut für Meteorologie, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Principal Investigator of the AXA-funded project, "Large-Scale European Flooding under Climate Change: Meteorological and hydrological conditions translated to economic loss (EuFloLoss)"

Prof. Ulbrich is professor of Meteorology and vice dean for research of the faculty of Geosciences at *Freie Universität Berlin*. The understanding of observed and simulated large-scale physical processes and extreme events are foci of his scientific interests. Scientific work ranges from the diagnosis of large-scale variability patterns and weather regimes on the Northern Hemisphere, over cyclones and storm tracks, to the causes of meteorological extreme events and their impacts. Prof. Ulbrich serves on the scientific boards of the German Committee for Disaster Reduction and the Research Forum on Public Safety and Security. Since 2013, he is an executive editor of the journal, *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*.



David CADOUX

Group Risk Management, AXA

David Cadoux is Chief Risk Officer for the Property & Casualty Group at AXA, where he notably coordinates the modeling of natural catastrophes. Prior to joining AXA, he held a number of senior positions, including Head of the Executive Office at Swiss Re and Deputy Managing Director of Swiss Re Frankona in Paris. He has also held actuarial roles at AXA, SCOR, Towers Watson and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He is a member of the Board of PERILS, a pan-European company providing insurance exposure and loss data associated with natural catastrophes.

ROUND TABLE - Researchers, enlighteners of the public debate



Dr. François TADDEI

Director of the Center for Research and Interdisciplinarity in Paris, France

AXA-Paris Descartes Chair Holder: “A systems approach to individual differences in longevity”

François Taddei heads the Evolutionary Systems Biology team at a unit of the French National Institute of Health & Medical Research (INSERM) of Paris-Descartes University's Medical School. He pioneered the study of aging in the *E. coli* bacteria and is trying to unravel its mechanisms using microfluidics and systems biology approaches. Passionate about education, over the last seven years, he has created the CRI (Center for Research and Interdisciplinarity), dedicated to fostering the new generation of scientists working at the interfaces in the heart of Paris.



Godefroy BEAUVALLET

Head of the AXA Research Fund

Godefroy Beauvallet graduated from *Ecole Polytechnique* in 1994 and from Telecom ParisTech in 1997 in France. He began his career as an IT Project Manager with Gemplus, then became Associate Banker for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He joined the French Industry Ministry in 1997. Between 2000 and 2002, he was Adviser to the Minister for Public Service and State Reform, Michel Sapin. In 2002, he became Assistant Professor and Team Manager at Telecom ParisTech. In 2007, he was named Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CEO of *Institut Telecom*, a group of six French engineering and management schools specialized in IT. Godefroy is the author of several books and many scientific papers about the use of digital groupware tools in project management and lean management. In 2012, he was appointed Vice President of the French National Council on Digital Technologies (CNNum). He has been Head of the AXA Research Fund since 2011.

Round Table Moderator



Aurelie A. VINCENT
Founder and CEO of Embody Agency

Aurelie is an executive coach and works for international groups and conferences as an event advisor, public speaking coach and Master of Ceremony. In France, the US and the Middle East she builds speakers' confidence, strengthens their persuasive powers, makes their messaging compelling and enhances their talent.

Aurelie A. VINCENT is the Executive Producer & Curator of FailCon Paris: "How to leverage failures in order to succeed?" In addition, she operates in Dubai, Morocco, Greece, India. She is also part of the TEDx community and regularly attends TED conferences