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Dr. Epprecht will give an insight into the way how public acceptance and regulatory paradigms affect innovation and insurability. The question “How safe is safe enough?” calls for priority setting, and for a balance of interests between societal actors who need to decide whether potential benefits of a new technology outweigh possible disadvantages.

In his keynote, Epprecht will challenge the final aim of any risk governance effort – of which regulation and insurance are parts – which is to enable progress and provide opportunities both for the society and the economy, as well as to ensure responsible action.

Working as an independent consultant, Epprecht provides strategic advice and solutions in preparation for top management decisions, in order to enhance corporate risk governance. He gained familiarity with the international corporate world, its modes of operation and the related requirements of the societal framework when he worked for many years as a director of Swiss Re, one of the few leading reinsurance companies worldwide. As an active or former member of several national or international, multidisciplinary bodies concerned with the commercial, legal, societal and political dimensions of technical development, Epprecht’s cogent and unconventional way of thinking has contributed to clearing the way on several occasions, to the benefit of a number of stakeholders. Epprecht studied at the University of Zurich, where he received his PhD in Biochemistry.