How do Leaders Forge the Way to Resilience?

Keri Pearlson was a speaker at the 2022 World Economic Forum. Her panel included global leaders from EU and US organizations. One of the takeaways from this forum is that managing cyber risk has an impact not only on companies that are trying to increase their security, but also on globally protecting the increasing number of children that are beginning to go online. It is a challenge to protect cities, which have different approaches to cyber than corporations, so countries outside of the US are beginning to implement effective government policy to strengthen individual cybersecurity.

How to Stay Ahead of the Curve in Cyber Risk Management

Sander Zeijlemaker, CAMS Research Scientist, presented at the Haagse Security Delta (HSD). The HSD is a cluster of approximately 275 international companies, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to make a difference in security and the digitization of society. Key recommendations included 1) incorporating cyber risk management into board governance and oversight activities and 2) using interactive and explorative simulation techniques to strengthen managerial foresight capabilities for risk management.

Board Responsibility Increases with new Cybersecurity Regulations

Stuart Madnick presented research co-authored with Professor Jeff Proudfoot at the MISQE Executive journal special section at the International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) in Copenhagen, Denmark. Professor Madnick spoke about the need for Boards of Directors to address increased cybersecurity governance and oversight responsibilities brought on by new government regulations. He also participated in the Workshop on Information Security and Privacy (WISP) organized by the AIS Special Interest Group on Information Security and Privacy (SIG SEC). In these and other settings, he was introducing the increasing importance of cybersecurity at this premier gathering of 1600, mostly academic, Information Technology attendees at ICIS.
Best Paper Award on Industrial Control Systems
Stuart Madnick and Shaharyar Khan paper, Identifying and Anticipating Cyberattacks that Could Cause Physical Damage to Industrial Control Systems won best paper in the IEEE Open Access Journal of Power and Energy (OAJPE). This paper identifies vulnerabilities emerging from interactions between technology and operators and provides recommendations to mitigate resulting loss scenarios. One example of how to prevent a loss is to improve understanding of cross-domain risks by ensuring effective communication between IT/OT operators.

Final 2022 Members Discussion: Cyber Resiliency in Naval Engineering
Cybersecurity at MIT Sloan hosted the final members only discussion of the year. In this presentation, CAMS Research Affiliate and current SDM student Ryan Montvydas joined us to discuss his SDM thesis research on cyber resilience and its application in naval engineering systems. His research explored resiliency gaps in naval engineering systems and how to better measure cyber resiliency from a system performance point of view.

Is Your Board Prepared for New Cybersecurity Risks?
Keri Pearlson published a new paper in the Harvard Business Review on new regulations that may impact the way boards handle cybersecurity. The SEC will soon require companies to disclose their cybersecurity governance capabilities including the board’s oversight of cyber risk, a description of management’s role in assessing and managing cyber risks, relevant expertise of managers, and management’s role in implementing cybersecurity policies, procedures, and strategy.

CAMS Human Risk Subgroup: Join our new Culture Club!
We are excited to announce the launch of a new special interest group called the CAMS Culture Club, or more formally, the CAMS Human Risk Subgroup. This group will be invited to a quarterly virtual meeting to share ideas on culture and discuss research on human risk management. This club is exclusively for members of CAMS, so if you wish to join please email Lara at laraw@mit.edu for more details.

Upcoming CAMS Events in 2023 – Please hold these dates

CAMS In the News (https://cams.mit.edu/in-the-press)
December 2022: Stuart Madnick published a white paper on data breaches and the security of consumer data in corporate systems, servers, and networks: “The Rising Threat to Consumer Data in the Cloud”
December 22, 2022: Stuart Madnick’s ABC News interview was mentioned in the 2022 Highlights: MIT Sloan in the Media: “Shields up: How a Possible Cyberattack Could Affect Americans and how to Prepare”
November 15, 2022: Michael Siegel and Sander Zeijlemaker published an article in the World Economic Forum: “As Cyber Attacks Increase, Here’s how CEOs can improve Cyber Resilience.”

Cybersecurity Executive Education Programs Developed by CAMS
Cybersecurity Governance for the Board of Directors: Dates TBA
MIT xPro Professional Certificate in Cybersecurity: (24 weeks) January 26, 2023
Cybersecurity Leadership for Non-Technical Executives 2022: March 29-31, 2023
Cybersecurity for Managers: A Playbook: (Six weeks) February 7, 2023

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