

SYNOPSIS

Actuaries: who do we think we are?

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Purpose of your paper: To explore how the versatility of the actuarial skillset can be applied to improve the lives of those impacted by social and political issues around the world.

Synopsis: Long gone are the days when actuaries were branded as mild-mannered, monotonous, scholarly drones. Over the years, actuarial pioneers have pushed and pulled at the boundaries of the profession, venturing bolding outside the comfortable cocoon of commutation functions and getting their hands dirty in novel and uncharted territories. This presentation aims to explore how actuaries can continue to push the envelope and redefine our brand by picking apart the real issues that plague our global community today e.g. the threat of terrorism, cyber security, global food shortages, human rights violations, climate change or even the conservation of biodiversity. How can we apply our unique skillset and our passion for doing right by our customers to ensure that those most affected by these predicaments can feel empowered to lead a fruitful and dignified life? These questions sure are tough, but so are Actuaries!