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***What is Life Worth?
A Transatlantic Dialogue on Compensation***

Joint Event with the 20th NAFE Conference
Centre for Actuarial Compensation and Valuation of Life (CAVOL)
National Association of Forensic Economics (NAFE)

Dates: 8-9 June 2026

Dinner: Monday 8th June 2026, between 19:00 and 21:30 at [the York Minster Refectory](#)

Conference Venue: Business Lounge - CL/A/002, School for Business and Society, Church Lane Building, York Science Park, Heslington, York, YO10 5ZF

Organising Committee: Dr. Şule Şahin, Prof. Alexander J. McNeil and Prof. Steven Shapiro

Day 1 (09.15-17.00):

Welcome Coffee and Registration (09.15-09.30)

Welcome (09.30-10.10)

Welcome speeches from

Şule Şahin (CAVOL, University of York), **Steven Shapiro** (Analytic Resources, LLC),

Paul Sweeting (President of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA)),

Marc Weinstein (Executive Director of the NAFE)

(10.10-10.30)

John Ward – *Transatlantic Dialogue: Now and Then*

Session 1 – (10.30-12.00) - Personal Injury Discount Rate (PIDR) and Life Expectancy in Compensation

Chair: Andrew Smith

Speakers:

Jane Hutton (Warwick University) - *Using epidemiological research to estimate impaired life expectancy*

Richard Cropper (Personal Financial Planning) - *Investment and the Duration of Lifetime Loss*

Andrew Smith (University College Dublin) - *Are Stochastic Models any use to Personal Injury Claimants?*

Lunch break - (12.00-13.00)

Session 2 – (13.00-14.15) - Tariff Schemes

Chair: Alexander J. McNeil

Speakers:

Alexander McNeil (Vice-director of CAVOL, University of York) - *Tariff Schemes with Reference to the Infected Blood Inquiry*

Marc Weinstein (Executive Director of the NAFE) - *The Most Comprehensive Tariff Scheme in the United States History: An Explanation of the Victim Compensation Fund of 9/11*

John Ward (John Ward Economics) - *Is the Victim's Compensation Fund beyond September 11 for tort damages in the U.S?*

Coffee Break (14.15-14.45)

Session 3 – (14.45-16.00) – Post-injury employment

Chair: William Latimer-Sayer (Chair of the Ogden Working Party)

Speakers:

Kevin Cahill (FTI Consulting) – *How does the reality of bridge employment mesh with the concept of worklife expectancy?*

Şule Şahin (Director of CAVOL, University of York) **and Victoria Wass** (Professor Emerita at Cardiff University) – *A New Estimation of Worklife Expectancy for Loss of Future Earnings: Redefining Disability and Distributional Results*

Open discussion on the new worklife expectancies for the 9th Edition of Ogden Tables

Session 4 – (16.00-17.00) - Panel Discussion: Impact of AI on Compensation Practice

Chair: Steven Shapiro

Speakers:

Kevin Cahill (FTI Consulting) - *Weighing the Tradeoffs of AI*

Andrew Cairns (Heriot-Watt University) - *Socio-economic variation in neighbourhood mortality and life expectancy*

Michael O'Hara (University of Nebraska at Omaha) - *"Double Edged Sword"*

William Rogers (John Wards Economics) - *The Algorithmic Transformation of Law: A Strategic Advisory for Forensic Economics Practice*

Steven Shapiro (Analytic Resources, LLC) - *Generative AI and Forensic Economic Practice*

End of Day 1

Dinner (19.00-22.00) – York Minster Refectory

Day 2 (09.30-16.00):

Morning coffee (09.30-09.45)

Session 5 – (09.45-12.00) - Long-term Care and Compensation

Chair: Victoria Wass

Speakers:

Victoria Wass (Cardiff University) - *Inflationary Pressures in Social Care*

Steven Shapiro (Analytic Resources, LLC) - *Long Term Care and Medical Cost Trends*

Stacey Bryant (Professional Deputy Forum, Apricity Law) – *Challenges of Managing Lifetime Budgets – A Financial Deputy’s Perspective*

Raphael Wittenberg (Care Policy and Evaluation Centre, London School of Economics) - *What rate of increase in adult social care pay should be expected in the future?*

Lunch break - (12.00-13.00)

Session 6 - (13.00-14.10) - International Law and Compensation

Chair: Cheryl Palmer-Hughes

Speakers:

William Rogers (John Wards Economics)

Julian Chamberlayne (Stewarts Law, FOCIS) and

Cheryl Palmer-Hughes (Stewarts Law)

- *Unpacking the Personal Injury Discount Rate for International Travel*

Coffee break - (14.10-14.30)

Session 7 – (14.30-15.30) - The Most Unusual Cases in the Past

Chair: William Rogers

Speakers:

Jane Hutton (Warwick University)

Gregory Whittaker (Algorithm Consultants & Actuaries)

Marc Weinstein (Executive Director of the NAFE)

William Rogers (John Wards Economics)

Steven Shapiro (Analytic Resources, LLC)

Closing (15.30-15.45)