



APPLIED RESEARCH LABORATORY FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

Insider Risk Speaker Series (IRiSS)

Purpose

The study and management of risk plays an integral role in physical, personnel, information, and other forms of security and the application of insider threat paradigms. Yet, much of source and contextual details, modeling options, and solution space nuances are lost when *insider as a risk* is reduced to *insider as a threat*. The purpose of this speaker series is to explore the cultural, technical, and operational shifts necessary to move from insider as threat paradigm to one of insider risk. This subtle naming adjustment carries substantial reframing from management based on threat elimination toward dynamic situational management where risk is a variable dependent on situational tolerance and requires ongoing consideration for the interaction of individual and contextual variables. This effort emphasizes active decision-making and aids in the measurement of consequence and risk. People remain a central focus but shift to be part of the solution in helping reduce risk of any kind.

Speaker Series

ARLIS, with support from USD(I&S), will provide a speaker series to help promote the paradigm shift from insider threat to insider risk. Sessions will feature two to three speakers from different professional perspectives addressing the session topic, with audience Q&A. We will offer one speaker series event each month starting in March 2021 leading up to September as National Insider Threat Awareness Month.

Speakers will come from a range of government, industry, and academic communities. This series benefits from this professional diversity, offering novel insights to challenge new thinking for the development of insider risk management and modeling within the security community. Interest areas include the advancement of enterprise risk management concepts for impact, risk equations, and the use of AI/ML and social & behavioral sciences for quantifying and managing risk.

This series will help foster discussion within events, but also continue post-event through online engagement via publications that capture concepts discussed and community points of interest raised. The triangulation of topics throughout the series and ongoing communications will compound to promote the paradigm evolution from insider threat to insider risk. This speaker series will help prepare and encourage the security community for robust conversations on insider risk in time for National Insider Threat Awareness Month, a month which bears in name the very focus the series seeks to shift.

The speaker series audience will comprise largely government, defense industrial base (DIB) and research personnel working on insider threat programs. A wider invitation extends to members of industry, academia, nonprofits, and others in the policy space. The security community further benefits from broad audience representation during Q&A as well as help extend professional networks, which in turn may improve the depth and reach of developing new capabilities for insider risk management.