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## Confidence in a World of Risk Programme

Thursday 9 June 2016

Dublin

Video streamed from London with  
**Constantin Gurdgiev**, Professor of Finance,  
MII, Monterey, California and Adjunct  
Professor of Finance, Trinity College, Dublin,  
adding a view of the Irish economy

### 9.00am: Introduction

**Frédéric Bourgeois**, Managing Director,  
Coface UK & Ireland

### UK Economy – House of bricks or cards?

**David Smith**, Economics Editor, The Sunday Times

*High employment, income growth, rising house prices – the economy seems good. But is it just based on services, low energy prices and loose monetary policy? Is it strong enough to weather weaker overseas growth, interest rate rises and the return of cost pressures on businesses? What about a possible Brexit? This presentation will face-up to this question.*

### Global Recovery – Fact or fiction?

**Julien Marcilly**, Chief Economist, Coface Group

*The slowdown and the rebalancing of the Chinese economy; the collapse in commodity prices; flagging trade and capital flows plus episodes of financial volatility. Let alone the possibility of new economic or political shocks. All this could yet de-rail the recovery in the global economy. Or will it?*

### 10.15am: Roundtable 1

The above two speakers will be joined by:

**Paul Hollingsworth**, UK Economist, Capital Economics

*Moderated by Louise Cooper, Chartered Financial Analyst, Times Financial columnist, broadcaster and commentator on economics and market activity*

### 11.00am: Break

### 11.30am: Cyber Security - Evolving threats and how to defend against them

**Oliver Fairbank**, Senior Analyst, Control Risks

*The tactics used by nation-states are evolving and new states are emerging as threat actors. Cybercriminals are using novel approaches to divert funds, steal data and extort victims. The nature of the cyber activist threat is also changing. This presentation will consider the developments in the cyber threat landscape and how businesses can protect themselves.*

### Geopolitical Risks – Here to stay

**Richard Mallinson**, Geopolitical Analyst, Energy Aspects

*“The main longer-term risks are now geopolitical”. Important economic risks of course remain, but there are other risks now and emerging that will persist and threaten our economic future and security for many years to come. Which ones should we be most concerned about when trading internationally and how can we deal with them?*

### 12.30pm: Roundtable 2

**Richard Mallinson** will be joined by:

**Chris Torrens**, Senior Managing Director, Control Risks

*Moderated by Louise Cooper, Chartered Financial Analyst, Times Financial columnist, broadcaster and commentator on economics and market activity*

### Conclusion

**Frédéric Bourgeois**, Managing Director,  
Coface UK & Ireland

### 1.30pm: Buffet Lunch

### 2.30pm: Close

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