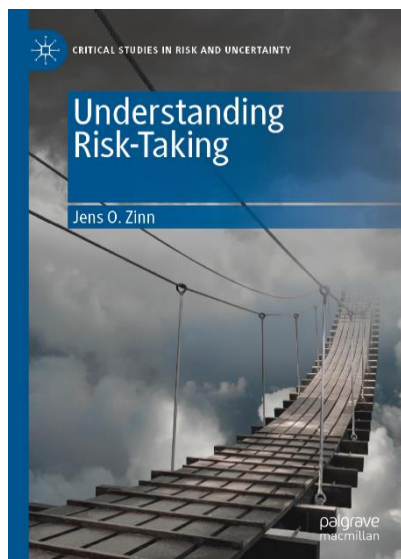


Book Launch

# *Understanding Risk-Taking*



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The Linkway, John Medley Building,  
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Introduced by Prof. Alan Petersen (Monash University) and  
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Most people want to avoid and reduce risk but often take risks to gain something they value. There is an uncomfortable tension between experts' warnings about risk and the need and desire to take risks.

This book outlines and systematises findings from a growing body of research that examines the different rationales, dimensions and dynamics of risk-taking in current societies, providing insight into the different motivations and social roots of risk-taking.

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