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James is one of the UK's leading insurance law academics, with published work across the majority of insurance contract law. He has a particular interest in the law of insurable interest, and its operation in modern society.

In 2014, he published the first empirical study of the occurrence of murder (and equivalent violent offences) in which obtaining life insurance proceeds was identified as a contributing factor. This showed that a 'relationship based' system was ineffective. Despite what case law claims, spouses are- at times- tempted to kill for the potential policy benefits. He was involved in Law Commission consultations on the ill-fated Insurable Interest Bill and continues to argue in favour of a radically reformed system for determining who can insure another's life. He is now working on how the regulation of life insurance policies could be improved to limit their use as a vehicle for economic abuse.