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Dr. Dan M. Frangopol is the inaugural Fazlur R. Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture Emeritus at Lehigh University. Before joining Lehigh in 2006, he was Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder where he is now Professor Emeritus. From 1979-83, he was a Structural Design Engineer with A. Lipski Consulting Engineers in Brussels, Belgium. In 1976, he received his doctorate in Applied Sciences with highest honor (summa cum laude) from the University of Liège, Belgium.

Dr. Frangopol's main research interests are in the development and application of probabilistic and optimization concepts and methods to civil and marine in a life-cycle context, including: structural reliability and probabilistic mechanics; life-cycle cost analysis; probability-based assessment, design, and multi-criteria life-cycle optimization of structures and infrastructure systems; structural health monitoring; life-cycle performance maintenance and management of structures and distributed infrastructure under extreme events (earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, and floods); risk-based assessment and decision-making; multi-hazard risk mitigation; infrastructure sustainability and resilience to disasters; and climate change adaptation. He is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of life-cycle engineering of civil and marine structures. According to ASCE (2012) *“Dan M. Frangopol is a preeminent authority in bridge safety and maintenance management, structural system reliability, and life-cycle civil engineering. His contributions have defined much of the practice around design specifications, management methods, and optimization approaches. From the maintenance of deteriorated structures and the development of system redundancy factors to assessing the performance of long-span structures, Dr. Frangopol’s research has not only saved time and money, but very likely also saved lives... Dr. Frangopol is a renowned teacher and mentor to future engineers.”* He is also *“widely recognized as a leading educator and creator in the field of life-cycle civil engineering.”* (ASCE 2015). *“Frangopol’s groundbreaking research into infrastructure from a holistic perspective has earned him a reputation in the civil engineering community”* as the *“Father of Life-Cycle Analysis”* (ASCE 2020). He is an experienced researcher and technical consultant to companies, organizations and government agencies, both nationally and abroad.

Dr. Frangopol is a [Member](#) of the [National Academy of Engineering](#), [Member](#) of the [National Academy of Construction](#), [Distinguished Member](#) of ASCE (highest ASCE honor), International Fellow of the [Canadian Academy of Engineering](#), Foreign Member of [Academia Europaea](#), Foreign Associate of the [Engineering Academy of Japan](#), Corresponding Member of the [Mexican Academy of Engineering](#), Foreign Member of the [Royal Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts](#), and Honorary Member of both the [Romanian Academy](#) and the [Romanian Academy of Technical Sciences](#). He is an Inaugural Fellow of SEI and EMI, Fellow of ACI, IABSE, and ISHMII, Honorary Member of AICPS, Honorary President of the [IABMAS - USA, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Italy, Romania, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sweden, and Turkey Groups](#), Honorary Member of the [IABMAS - Australia, China, Denmark, Japan, Portugal, and Spain Groups](#), and Honorary President of the [IALCCE - Dutch Group](#).

In 2023, ASCE established the [Dan M. Frangopol Medal for Life-Cycle Engineering of Civil Structures](#), and in 2025 the peer-reviewed journal Structure and Infrastructure Engineering published a double [special issue in his honor](#). Dr. Frangopol was ranked as the 10th most-cited civil engineering author in the August 2019 Stanford University worldwide citation survey published in PloS, and No.1 (Lehigh University), No. 45 (United States), and No. 95 (world) on April 6, 2022, by Research.com on the list of top scientists in Engineering and Technology.

Dr. Frangopol holds 5 honorary doctorates from the Polytechnic Univ. of Milan, Italy, Univ. of Liège, Belgium, Technical Univ. of Civil Engng. Bucharest, Gheorghe Asachi Technical Univ. of Iași, and Polytechnic Univ. of Timișoara, Romania. He is an Honorary Professor at 14 universities (Hong Kong Polytechnic, Tongji, Southeast, Hunan, Tianjin, Chang’an, Beijing Jiaotong, Chongqing Jiaotong, China Univ. of Petroleum, Changsha Univ. of Science and Technology, Dalian Univ. of Technology, Shenyang Jianzhu Univ., Royal Melbourne Inst. of Technology (RMIT), and Harbin Inst. of Technology), and a Guest Professor, Visiting Chair Professor, or Adjunct Professor at 7 universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the United States.

Dr. Frangopol is the Founding President of both the International Association for Bridge Maintenance and Safety ([IABMAS](#)) and the International Association for Life-Cycle Civil Engineering ([IALCCE](#)), which have over 3,200 individual members and 130 collective members from 77 countries, and Founding Vice-President of the International Society for Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructures (ISHMII, currently SCSHM). He is the Past Vice-President of the International Association for Structural Safety and Reliability ([IASSAR](#)), Past Chair of the Executive Board of IASSAR, and Past Chair of the IASSAR Awards Committee. For [ASCE](#) he has chaired the Executive and Awards Committees of the 20,000+ members of the Structural Engineering Institute (Technical Activities Division), the Technical Committees on Safety of Buildings, Safety of Bridges, and Optimal Structural Design, the Technical Administrative Committee on Structural Safety and Reliability, and is the Past Vice-President and Governor of the [Engineering Mechanics Institute](#), and Founder and Inaugural Chair of the Technical Council on Life-Cycle Performance, Safety, Reliability and Risk of Structural Systems. He

is an Emeritus Member of the ASCE Industry Leaders Council. For [IABSE](#) he has chaired the Working Commission 1 on Structural Performance, Safety and Analysis. He is Past Board Member of the Joint Committee on Structural Safety ([JCSS](#)), and Past Chair of the International Federation for Information Processing ([IFIP](#)) Working Group on Reliability and Optimization of Structural Systems. He is also the initiator and organizer of the [Fazlur R. Khan Distinguished Lecture Series](#) at Lehigh University, hosting 64 Distinguished Speakers from four continents.

Dr. Frangopol is the recipient of several national and international honors and awards including the ASCE-AIME-IEEE-WSE Noble Prize (twice 2024, 2015), ASCE Moiseiff Award (twice 2022, 2003), ASCE Wellington Prize (twice 2022, 2012), EC³ (European Council on Computing in Construction) Thorpe Medal (2022), ISHMII Mufti Medal (2021), ASCE Freudenthal Medal (2020), ASCE Reese Research Prize (2020), ASCE Housner Medal (2019), ASCE State-of-the-Art of Civil Engng. Award (three times 2019, 2004, 1998), ASCE OPAL Leadership Award for Lifetime Accomplishments in Education (2016), ASCE Ang Award (inaugural 2016), ASCE Croes Medal (twice 2014, 2001), IALCCE Khan Life-Cycle Civil Engng. Medal (inaugural 2012), IABMAS Senior Research Prize (2012), ASCE Distinguished Membership (2010), ISHMII Fellowship Award (2009), IALCCE Research Award (2008), Royal Academy of Engng. Distinguished Visiting Fellowship Award (2008), ASCE Howard Award (2007), IABSE OPA Award (2006), ELSEVIER Munro Prize (2006), IABMAS T.Y. Lin Medal (inaugural 2006), IFIP Reliability and Optimization of Structural Systems Award (2006), ASCE Newmark Medal (2005), EUROSTRUCT Intl. Award of Merit (2023), KAJIMA Research Award (2004), JSPS Fellowship Award for Research in Japan (twice 2016, 2003), IASSAR Research Prize (2001), IASSAR Distinguished Service Award (inaugural 2025), Rostock University Medal (2025), SAE Intl. Distinguished Probabilistic Methods Educator Award (inaugural 1996). He is also the recipient of the ASCE Lehigh Valley Section's Civil Engineer of the Year Award (2016), and the AICPS Opera Omnia Award (2024). Among the 7 awards received at the University of Colorado Boulder, Frangopol is the recipient of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Excellence in Research Scholarly and Creative Work Award (2004), College of Engng. and Applied Science's Research Award (1999), and Eckel Faculty Prize for Excellence (2003). He also received 5 Lehigh University awards including the Lehigh University's Hillman Faculty Award (2019), Lehigh University's Hillman Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising (2016), Lehigh University's Libsch Research Award (2013), Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science's Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Leadership Award (2020), and the Lynn S. Beedle Distinguished CEE Award (2024).

Dr. Frangopol is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of [Structure and Infrastructure Engineering](#) an international peer-reviewed archival journal dedicated to recent advances in maintenance, management and life-cycle performance of a wide range of structures and infrastructure systems. He is also the Founding Editor of the Book Series [Structures and Infrastructures](#). Dr. Frangopol is the author/coauthor of 5 books, 70 book chapters, over 520 articles in archival journals (including 15 award-winning papers from ASCE, IABSE, Elsevier, and [136 articles in ASCE journals](#)), and more than 700 papers in conference proceedings. He is also the editor/coeditor of 60 books published by ASCE, Balkema, CIMNE, CRC Press, Elsevier, McGraw-Hill, Routledge, and Thomas Telford, and guest editor of 32 special issues of archival journals. He has served as an editorial board member of 15 international journals, including *Bridge Engineering*, *Computers & Structures*, *Engineering Structures*, *Probabilistic Engineering Mechanics*, *Reliability Engineering & System Safety*, *Structural Safety*, and *Sustainable & Resilient Infrastructure*. Additionally, he has chaired and organized several national and international structural engineering conferences, symposia and workshops. He has given plenary/keynote lectures at over 70 major conferences held in Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa, and New Zealand, including the T.Y. Lin Lecture and the Fazlur R. Khan Lecture. He also presented many invited lectures and short courses at world-renowned universities and organizations, including the K.C. Kavanagh Annual Memorial Structural Engineering Lecture, the inaugural J.R. Choudhury (JRC) Annual Memorial Lecture, the Huangdao Academician Lecture, the Kececioglu Memorial Lecture, the Warren Lecture, and the Wen Yuan Lecture. Dr. Frangopol's work has had a significant impact on structural engineering evidenced by an h-index of 110, an i10-index of 536, and more than 45,500 citations (Google Scholar, December 20, 2025).

Dr. Frangopol has performed research and served as a technical consultant or advisor to companies, organizations and government agencies in the United States, Asia and Europe. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation; Federal Highway Administration; Office of Naval Research; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Army Corps of Engineers; Air Force Office of Scientific Research; Department of Defense; Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center; National Cooperative Highway Research Program; Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command; Colorado, Florida and Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation; Transportation Research Board; U.S. DOT Region 3 University Transportation Center; Applied Technology Council; Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance; Progeny System Corporation; Henry Luce Foundation; U.K. Highways Agency; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and Japan Ministry of Education, among others. He also received research funding from ArcelorMittal; ASCE; Tokyo Electric Power Company; Japan Institute of Systems Research; Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment; Korean Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs; US-Spain Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation; Parsons Transportation Group; Georgia Institute of Technology; and University of Colorado.

Dr. Frangopol has advised/coadvised 50 PhD students and the theses and reports of 56 MS students. He has supervised and sponsored 22 post-doctoral researchers and hosted over 70 visiting scholars. 30 of his former doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers are university professors in the United States and abroad, and many are prominent in professional practice and research laboratories. He also served as external member of PhD Committees at universities in Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA, and taught short courses in many leading universities in Asia, Europe, North America, and South Africa.