

# Multiple geographical perspectives on hazards and disasters

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## Description

Geographical research is experiencing a renewal of interest in disaster studies, due to the increasing number of events in these last years and to the underlying multiscale political and socio-economic factors. In times of crisis, the necessity to analyze a constantly changing world, the increasing concern for ecological issues and for the impact of disasters upon a growing population, the pervasive role of mass media and the rise of global neoliberalism, contribute to create a new consciousness of the “risk society” (Beck, 1992), in which risk is embedded in everyday life. Crisis as disasters are not “out there”, in “another” and unknown place: they are at our doors and are constantly active in reshaping relations among politics, institutions, natural and built environments, communities and space.

The aim of the session is to reflect upon the multiple significance of disasters and upon their spatial geographicalness. Several approaches and concepts - resilience, vulnerability, disaster management – are putting on the floor new discourse, new fields of research and new paradigms.

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### Slot 1

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Title: Responding to changing paradigms of risk: managing flood risk and enhancing organisational resilience

Author(s): Martina McGuinness

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Title: Risk management in Territorial planning in El Salvador

Author(s): Rhina Castellón

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Title: Addressing the Hazards of Sea Level Rise: The Promise and Limits of Adaptation Models and Tools

Author(s): José Otero, Robert Dare

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Title: [The progression of vulnerability: A multi-scalar perspective on disasters, the case of Chaitén in Chile](#)

Author(s): Vicente Sandoval Henriquez, Camillo Boano

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Title: Disaster recovery and the need of community participation: the C.A.S.E. Project in L'Aquila as a case study

Author(s): Federico Venturini, Ersilia Verlinghieri

Slot 2

Sub-title: One world, different risks, similar solutions?

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Title: [Living on the volcano: a neighbourhood classification approach to analysing vulnerable populations in Quito](#)

Author(s): Iain Willis, Maurizio Gibin, Joana Barros

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Title: How can disaster risk reduction logic be assessed? A sociological framework for mapping organizational constructions of disaster risk

Author(s): Aaron Clark-Ginsberg, Pat Gibbons

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Title: Traditional knowledge and coping strategies for natural disaster risk management in North Afghanistan

Author(s): Malashree Bhargava, Sebastian Wigele

Presentation n. 4

Title: From the disaster to the emergency: the geography of relations in time of crisis

Author(s): Sara Bonati, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy

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