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14th ESA Conference in Manchester, UK, 20-23 August 2019

At the 14th ESA conference RN08 arranged 8 sessions. In total 35 papers were presented, some distributed beforehand to the participants. The sessions featured not only members of the RN08 but many other conferees were present as well. The full programme and the session names for the conference sessions were as follows:

RN08_01: Comparative Perspectives on Socio-Economic Crisis

Session Chair: Nina Blom Andersen, University College Copenhagen

   Stefania Kalogeraki, University of Crete, Greece
2. **The Refugee Crisis In Greece: Early Narratives On Social Disasters Through The Daily Press**
   Joanna Tsiganou 1, Grigoris Gkougkousis 2, Dimitris Tourlidas 3, Christina Varouxi 1, Ifigeneia Vagia 2, 1 National Centre for Social Research, Athens, Greece; 2Panteion University, Athens, Greece; 3 National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece

3. **Migration Crisis in Europe as a Test for Resilience of European Societies?**
   Barbara Pasamonik, Danuta Duch, The Maria Grzegorzewska University, Poland

4. **International Humanitarian Aid Operations in the Protracted Refugee and Migration Crisis in Greece since 2015**
   Cordula Dittmer, Daniel F. Lorenz, Disaster Research Unit (DRU), Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

**RN08_02: Disasters, Traumas and Opportunity?**

*Session Chair:* Daniel F. Lorenz, Freie Universität Berlin

1. **Cultural Traumas, Human and Sustainable Development. The 1980 Earthquake in Italy after over Thirty Years**
   Emiliana Mangone, University of Salerno, Italy

2. **Can Natural Disaster Be An Opportunity? Studying De-Population Of Central Italy Rural Communities After The 1997 Earthquake**
   Federico Fantechi, Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy

3. **Are You Willing to Stay in Public Emergency Shelter? The Factors Influence Households’ Sheltering plan for Flood and Slope-land Disasters**
   Hui-Hsuan {Phoetion} Yang, National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction, Taiwan

4. **Trust, Social Determinants, and Resource Distribution after a Catastrophic Typhoon**
   Hsiang-Chieh LEE1, 2, Chuan-Zhong Deng1, Hongey Chen1, 2 1National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction, Taiwan; 2National Taiwan University
RN08_03: Disaster Management and International Responses

Session Chair: Daniel F. Lorenz, Freie Universität Berlin

1. International Deployments and Organized Crime
   Diego R. Fernandez Otegui, University of Delaware, United States of America

2. Build-Back Better? How Post-Disaster Emotions Hamper the Use of Resilience in the Reinstatement of Damaged Homes and Businesses
   Tim Harries1, Jessica Lamond2, Claire Twigger-Ross3, 1Kingston University, United Kingdom; 2University of the West of England, United Kingdom; 3Collingwood Environmental Planning, United Kingdom

3. Boundary Work to Conduct Business as Usual: Interaction at the Boundary Between the Affected Organization and Emergency Responders
   Olof Oscarsson, Mid Sweden University, Sweden

4. Navigating the European Landscape of Disaster Risk Reduction – The Case of Data and Socioeconomic Factors
   Jorgen Sparf, Mid Sweden University, Risk and Crisis Research Centre, Sweden

RN08_04: Disaster Planning and Practice

Session Chair: Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete, Greece

1. The Ladies Came With Cookies. Gender Norms In Crisis Management
   Erna Danielsson1, Kerstin Eriksson2, 1Mid Sweden University, Sweden; 2RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

2. Disasters And The Forces At Work Within Communities.
   Graham Lewis Marsh, Coventry University, Australia

3. The Case of Västmanland: Unaffiliated Volunteers Use of Private Networks to Gain Acceptance
   Sophie Kolmodin1,2, 1Mid Sweden University, Sweden; 2Risk and Crisis Research Center

RN08_05: Social Dimensions of Disaster Preparedness and Response

Session Chair: Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete, Greece

1. Emergence and Volunteerism in Disaster Response Operations
   Roine Johansson1, Erna Danielsson1, Linda Kvarnlöf1, Kerstin Eriksson2, 1Mid Sweden University, Sweden; 2RISE The Research Institute of Sweden
2. Disasters, Invisible Citizenship and the Role of Victims’ Associations
José Manuel Mendes, University of Coimbra, Faculty of Economics, Centre for Social Studies, Portugal

3. Adaptation to Climate Change: Instrumentalisation and Narratives
Julie Gobert1, Florence Rudolf2, 1Ecole nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, France; 2INSA, Strasbourg, France

4. The Missing Link in Building Resilience for Disasters: Social Vulnerability
Hediye Sibel Kalaycioglu1, Kezban Celik2, Sinan Turkyilmaz3, Umit Celen4, Emin Yahya Mentese5, Sema Kara6, 1Middle East Technical University, Turkey; 2TED University, Ankara Turkey; 3Hacettepe University, Ankara Turkey; 4Amasya University, Amasya Turkey; 5Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Turkey; 6Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Turkey

RN08_06: Crises and Conflicts in Society

Session Chair: Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete, Greece

1. Prevention of the Risk of Radicalization of the Second-generation of Islamic Migrants through Strategies of Communication
Alessio Ceccherelli1, Andrea Volterrani1, Domenica Fiordistella Iezzi1, Laura Di Pasquale1, Elisabetta Gola2, 1University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy; 2University of Cagliari

2. Effects of Military Conflict on Combatants, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and their Relatives in Ukraine
Alberto Veira-Ramos1, Tetiana Liubyva2, 1Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain; 2Institute of Sociology of the National, Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

3. From 9/11 To Dorotea: A Story Of How The War On Terror Ended Up In A Rural Municipality In The North Of Sweden
Robin Andersson Malmros, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

4. Value Consequences of the Armed Conflict
Musa Movlievich Yusupov, Chechen State University, Russian Federation

RN08_07: Resilience: Concepts and Perspectives

Session Chair: Antti Silvast, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Peter Balogh, University of Szeged, Hungary
2. **Security Targets for Critical Infrastructures**  
   Jennifer Hartmann, Agnetha Schuchardt, Thomas Kox, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

3. **Infrastructure Resilience and Energy Systems Integration**  
   Antti Silvast1,2, Simone Abram1, 1Durham University, United Kingdom; 2Norwegian University of Science and Technology

4. **Strengthening Resilience of German Emergency Responders**  
   Agnetha Schuchardt, Sophie Kroeling, Freie University Berlin, Germany

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**RN08_08: Disaster Management Policy**

*Session Chair:* Antti Silvast, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

1. **Tourism and Disaster – Effects and Causes of the “Himalayan Tsunami”**  
   Daniel F. Lorenz, Cordula Dittmer, Disaster Research Unit (DRU), Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

2. **Legionella, vulnerabilities and mistrust – a Portuguese case**  
   João Guerra, University of Lisbon, Portugal

3. **Inter-organizational Institutional Learning of Public Authorities and Security Organizations on the Example of the “Refugee Crisis”**  
   Patricia M. Schütte1, Jana-Andrea Frommer2, Malte Schönefeld1, Andreas Werner2, Frank Fiedrich1, Gustav Zoller2, 1University of Wuppertal, Germany; 2German Police University, Germany

4. **The Organizational Conflicts Impacting the Emergency Medical Services in Mass Gatherings: A Case Study of the Hajj.**  
   Abdulhadi A. AL Ruwaithi, University of Delaware, United States of America

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**RN08_BM: RN08 Business Meeting**

*Chair:* Antti Silvast, Norwegian University of Science and Technology  
*Chair:* Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete, Greece

**RN08_09: Science, Technology and Disaster Studies**

*Session Chair:* Antti Silvast, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
1. Planning Across Borders: Exploring the Emerging Ethics of Information Technology for Transboundary Disaster Preparedness
Katrina Petersen, Trilateral Research, United Kingdom

2. Domestication Theory and ANT as Theoretical Tools for Research on Digital Everyday Risks in connected households
Ardis Storm-Mathisen, Dag Slettemeas, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

3. Using 3D Technology to Increase Effectiveness of Communication in Crisis Situations
Grzegorz Banerski, Katarzyna Abramczuk, National Information Processing Institute, Poland

Eugenia Petropoulou1, Constantine Iliopoulos2, Irini Theodorakopoulou2, Vassiliki Petousi1, 1University of Crete, Greece, Greece; 2Agricultural Economics Research Institute Hellenic Agricultural Organization-DEMETER

DCSCRN Newsletter and mailing list

The DCSCRN Newsletter was initiated in 2000 and the aim was to publish it electronically three times a year (April, August, and December). The last issues of the newsletter were issued between September 2015 and September 2017, totaling two (2) newsletters. The newsletter featured information from the RN08 Coordinating Committee and other contributions from network members such as essays, extended abstracts from papers presented in our conference sessions upcoming conference calls for papers and other relevant information.

Despite this, the aim to publish the newsletter three times a year has not been fulfilled. This is due a number of issues, most prominent of them being: firstly, a continued lack of reimbursements from our member fees, hence the CC Coordinators have paid for our website entirely since 2017 and, in part, longer than that. In addition, the CC has decided that we have to cease out our independent website, which cannot be reimbursed (unless a change in ESA laws can be affected). Subject to time and continuity, we can migrate the relevant content to the free ESA website. Secondly, we have not been able to find a voluntary newsletter editor from the CC or outside of it, though this issue has been taken up for a decision in every BM for several conferences. We deem it is not possible to ask the coordinators to also be newsletter editors, in order not to personify the network too much with a limited number of long-time coordinators.

The newsletter was published directly on the DCSCRN webpage (www.dcscrn.org) and distributed by the network members and affiliates, to around 300 people over the world and 75 members in our post GDPR mailing list.

Webpage

In addition to the ESA website, the RN08 has maintained its independent website since 1999. Throughout the years it has been hosted at the different universities where our CC members have been employed. In 2010, we strove to become independent from the network service of a particular university and hence sought an independent server. Since 2010, the web site has been hosted entirely independently on its own server. Between 2010 and 2013, the address was www.dscrn.org (to reflect our name until 2011, Disaster and Social Crisis Research Network). Since 2013, it has resided in www.dcscrn.org (in line with our name since 2011, Disaster, Conflict and Social Crisis Research Network). We have been satisfied with having our own site and have used it for many different communications over the past years, including as the exclusive conference site of the Interim’14 and Interim’12 meetings.

The website comes with financial costs to maintain the site name and the server space. The reimbursement of these costs from our member fees, which sit in the ESA, has been a matter of 6 ESA Research Network Biennial Report – RN08 2015-2017, 2017-2019 ongoing discussion with our host organisation. No-one in the CC has access to an institutional bank account, hence we cannot be reimbursed of these costs from the ESA. With the exception of one bill that was paid directly by the ESA in August 2017, our independent website has been paid personally by the Coordinator and other members of the Coordinating Committee. The RN08 would have serious problems with its continuity without an independent website and we look forward to discussing new solutions to this ongoing matter of reimbursement.

Membership

RN08 has as of December 2017 a total of 307 members who asked to affiliate with us, of whom 29 are paying ESA members. We are a relatively small but still thriving network. Between 2010 and 2017 (figure below), the network has grown steadily, with sharp increases after the ESA conferences (ESA11, ESA13, ESA15, and ESA17 in August/September). There is a rise, albeit somewhat less visible, after our Interim events (Interim’12 and Interim’14 both in September).

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Collaboration within ESA with other RNs

The 14th ESA Conference did not see us organizing any joint sessions with other ESA networks.


While the DCSCRN held Interim Conference in 2012 and 2014, and attempted to organize one in Turkey in 2016, it did not hold an interim conference in 2020 nor in 2018.