

RN08 ‘Disaster, Conflict and Social Crisis Research Network’ (DCSCRN)

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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

1. **Exploring Solidarity Practices in Times of Crisis in Greece: Applications of Mixed Method Designs**
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 Turlidas 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 Kolmodin^{1,2}, 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

1. **How (not) to Develop Resilient Societies? – Conceptual and Empirical Remarks on the Social Aspects of Resilience**
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 Silvast^{1,2}, 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

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 Ruwaihithi, University of Delaware, United States of America

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 Slette-meas, 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
4. **Searching for the Development of a Crisis-Resilient Operational Definition of Social Innovation in Short Food Supply Chains**
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.

A RN08 long-time colleague Ilan Kelman submitted a commentary on “The European Sociologist, issue 45, 2020: “Pandemic (Im)Possibilities”, vol. 1.

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).

paying members

ESA 2019	29
ESA 2017	28
ESA 2015	45
ESA 2013	40
ESA 2011	29

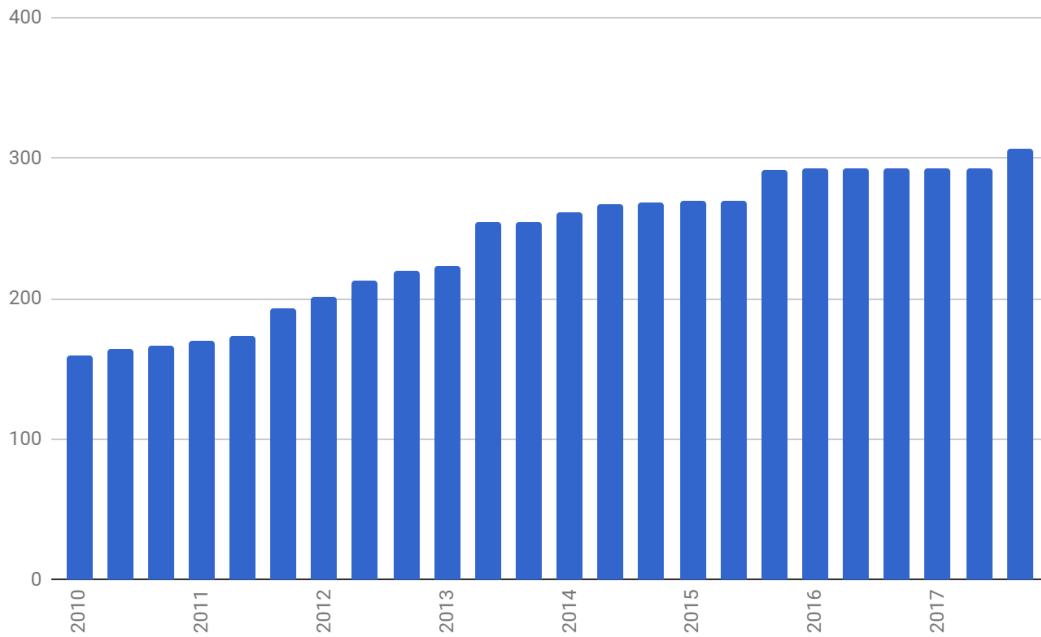


Figure. ESA RN08 mailing list members

Collaboration within ESA with other RNs

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

Interim Conferences – 2012, 2014, and 2016

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.