

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

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13th ESA Conference in Athens, 30 August – 1 September 2017

At the 13th ESA conference RN08 arranged 10 sessions. In total 38 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. Eight (8) panels were built around a particular theme, based on session proposals from our members. Two (2) were open sessions to accommodate more general papers on disaster, conflict, and social crisis. The full programme and the session names for the conference sessions were as follows:

RN08_01a_P: Disaster, Conflict and Social Crisis (General Session I)

Session Chairs: Antti Silvast, University of Edinburgh and Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete

1. **Multilevel governance and good government: A solution for urban poverty in Greece?**
Dionyssis Balourdos 1, Maria Petraki 2

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2. **Gender-based violence and solidarity in times of crises: comparison of contexts of war and natural disasters**
Anita Dremel, Irena Cajner Mraović
University of Zagreb/Croatian Studies; anitadremel@gmail.com
3. **The Sociological Roots of Europe: Challenges, Prospects and the Way Forward**
Atia Ali Kazmi
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RN08_02a_P: Disaster, Conflict and Social Crisis (General Session II)

Session Chairs: Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete and Antti Silvast, University of Edinburgh

1. **Can referendums face the rise of Euroscepticism in the European Union or can they threaten the process of the EU integration? Grexit versus Brexit.**
Nikos Sarris
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2. **When the catastrophe saves the world. About the positive potential of the nuclear accidents in the context of environment**
Aleksandra Brylska
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3. **Overlapping crises: Euro Maidan protests, regime change and military conflict in Ukraine –effects on social trust and self-identification.**
Alberto Veira-Ramos 1, Tetiana Liubyva 2
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4. **Cultural mobilities in migration studies: Albanian immigrants in Greece's economic crisis**
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RN08_03a_P: New Faces of Terrorism in the Contemporary World

Session Chair: Nicholas Petropoulos, Pedagogical Institute of Greece (formerly)

1. **Islamist factor impact on local conflicts**
Zhanna B. Onzimba Lenyungo, Violetta A. Annikova, Helen A. Markova
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2. **New Modes of Political Violence: The Case of Turkey**
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3. **Terror and Community Resilience: Long Term Impact on Community Stability**
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RN08_04a_P: Globalisation, Liberalism and Economic Crisis: Experiencing Social Disasters

Session Chair: Joanna Tsiganou, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

1. **Dealing with a business enterprise in Athens during the crisis: the case of beauticians**
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2. **Experiencing multi-dimensional disasters: the case of women notaries in Greece**
Joanna Tsiganou, Maria Thanopoulou
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3. **Human costs of the crisis. Ethics of reporting suicide**
Izabela Korbiel, Katharine Sarikakis
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4. **On being a refugee: The Trauma of Forced Displacement as a Form of Social Disaster**
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RN08_05a_P: Critical Infrastructure Risks and Emergent Responses

Session Chair: Antti Silvast, University of Edinburgh

1. **Integrative Currents? Electrifying Turkey-EU Relations in Times of Blackout**
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2. **Joint thinking between emergency management and climate change adaptation projects**
Nina Baron, Nina Blom Andersen
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3. **Informal preparedness resources for electricity and ICT breakdowns in Norwegian rural and urban households**
Nina Heidenstrøm
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4. **Infrastructure Risk and Biography of Artefacts: Multiple Dynamics and Temporalities**
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RN08_06a_H: Mass Migration and Refugee Crisis: Trends, Causes and Social Impacts I

Session Chair: Nicholas Petropoulos, Pedagogical Institute of Greece (formerly)

1. **The Greek Response to the Mass Influx of M.E. Refugees and Migrants**
Nicholas Petropoulos
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2. **Value dominants of migration in a post-conflict situation: on the example of Chechnya and Kosovo**
Musa Movlievich Yusupov
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3. **Disaster Management in Times of Crises**
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4. **Mass displacement to cities and the challenge for urban resilience**
Amy Kirbyshire, Emily Wilkinson, Virginie le Masson
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RN08_07a_H: Mass Migration and Refugee Crisis: Trends, Causes and Social Impacts II

Session Chairs: Antti Silvast, University of Edinburgh and Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete

1. **Recognizing Domestic Violence Against Women As Persecution On The Basis Of Membership In A Particular Social Group**
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2. **THE EFFECTS OF MASS MIGRATION ON URBAN LIFE STANDARDS IN TURKEY**
Binali TERCAN
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3. **The Middle East Refugees, Turkish Efforts, and a New Urban Planning Agenda through Public Involvement**
KUBRA CIHANGIR CAMUR
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4. **'Refugee crisis' and global labour relations**
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RN08_08a_H: Vulnerability in Times of Socio-Economic Crisis: Recent Developments, Conceptual Issues and Innovative Approaches

Session Chair: Daniel F. Lorenz, Freie Universität Berlin

1. **Social resilience in European communities. The construction and testing of a participatory index**
Andrea Volterrani 1, Massimo Giannini 2, Stephanie Havekost 3, Markus Leimegger 4, Aurelio Dugoni 5
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2. **Resilience – a New Blueprint of Neoliberal Governmentality?**
Stefanie Graefe
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3. **Social Resilience as a Process based on Multiple Dynamics: Left Behind Family Members' Strategies after Soma (Turkey) Industrial Disaster**
Zeynep Beşpınar 1, Fatma Umut Beşpınar 2
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4. **The participation of Children & Young People in Disaster Management: a European view**
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RN08_BM: Business Meeting

Session Chairs: Antti Silvast, University of Edinburgh and Eugenia Petropoulou, University of Crete

RN08_RN35_09a_P_JS: JOINT SESSION: The European Refugee Crisis: Information Needs and Information Systems

Session Chairs: Beata Sokolowska, Trinity College Dublin and Antti Silvast, University of Edinburgh

Joint session with RN35: Sociology of Migration

1. **Between Security and Humanity: Elite and Media Discourse on Refugees and Migrants in Croatia**
Mateja Čehulić, Dario Čepo, Siniša Zrinščak
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2. **“Project Immigrants”: the Company of Services to the Person of Pescara without frontiers**
Dario Recubini
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3. **Refugees and unaccompanied minors in Greece: evidence from the field.**
Theoni Stathopoulou
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4. **Refugee Journeys as Catalysts of Transformed Subjectivities**
Anamaria Aureliana Topan
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RN08_10a_P: Linking Disaster Research and Conflict Theory

Session Chair: Cordula Dittmer, Freie Universität Berlin

1. **Civil Society and Disaster Resilience in Turkey**
Oya Acikalin
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2. **Which growth model is the “fairest of them all”? Striving for equality and inclusiveness in times of austerity.**
Sotiria Liakaki
Independent Researcher, Greece; sliakaki2001@gmail.com
3. **“We had everything and it belonged to us, and now we just have a bunch of donated stuff!”—Gainers and losers before, during, and after the 2013 flooding in Germany**
Cordula Dittmer, Daniel Lorenz, Jessica Reiter, Martin Voss
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4. **Are the Nordic Welfare States prepared? Legal obligations and contingency planning of local social services in a disaster context**

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DCSCRN Newsletter and mailing list

The DCSCRN Newsletter was initiated in 2000 and the aim is to publish it electronically three times a year (April, August, and December). Between September 2015 and September 2017, two (2) newsletters have been issued. The aim to publish the newsletter three times a year has thus not been fulfilled. This is due to missing a key person: our new newsletter editor and communications manager, elected in the August 2016 Business Meeting, withdrew from his task in the middle of the term. The RN08 Coordinating Committee (CC) could not recruit a replacement prior to a formal meeting. Finding a new newsletter editor, and a sustained discussion of the continuation and the content of the newsletter, is of great priority in our Business Meeting in 2019.

The newsletter features information from the RN08 Coordinating Committee as well as submitted contributions from network members such as essays, extended abstracts from papers presented in our conference sessions, upcoming conference calls for papers, conference reports, announcements about new research, and other relevant information. The newsletter has been published directly on the DCSCRN webpage (www.dcscrn.org) and distributed by to the network members and affiliates, to around 300 people over the world.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) entered into force in May 2018. In anticipation of this, the Coordinator of RN08 wrote to each network member and asked their explicit consent in continuing to receive information from us. In addition to discovering expired addresses, this led to a useful revision of our mailing list. It currently contains 75 members that have explicitly asked to receive information from us.

Webpage

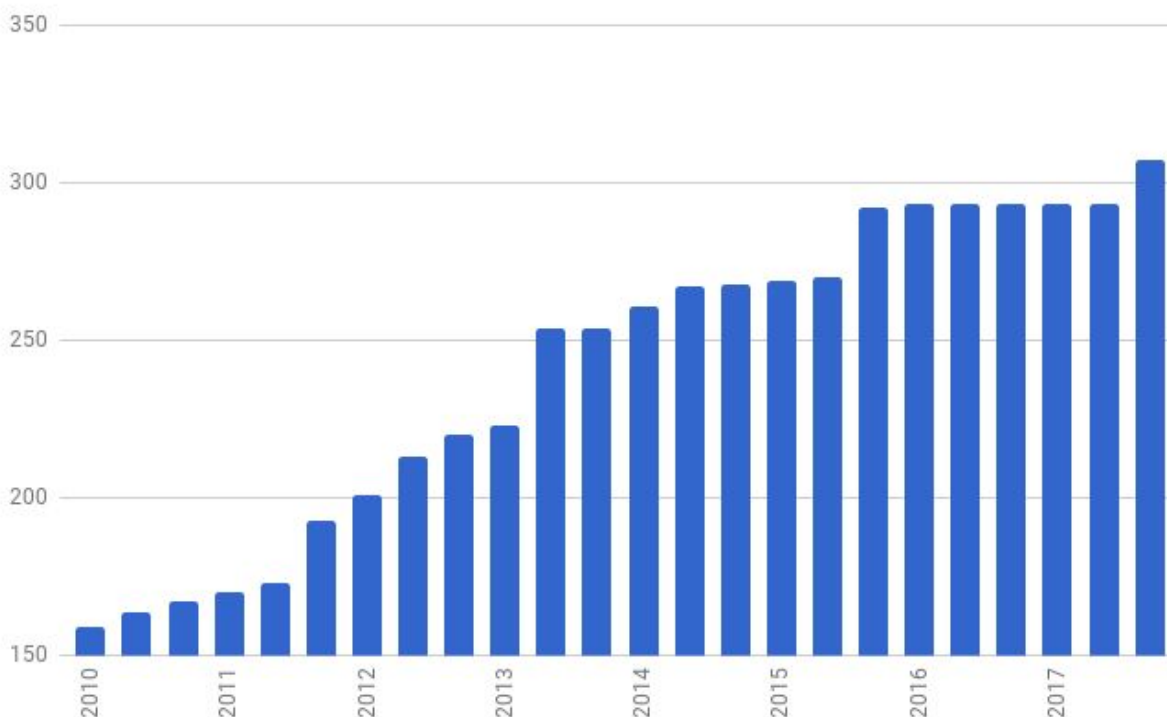
In addition to the ESA website, the RN08 has maintained its independent website since 1999. Throughout the years it has been hosted at the different universities where our CC members have been employed. In 2010, we strove to become independent from the network service of a particular university and hence 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

ongoing discussion with our host organisation. No-one in the CC has access to an institutional bank account, hence we cannot, by rule, 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 with our host organisation. If our independent site was abandoned or moved to a commercial provider, that would also mean neglecting a considerable amount of in-kind contributions that went into its technical development especially by our previous website managers. It would also mean losing some content for our newsletters that have been published directly on the website for a number of years.

Membership

RN08 has as of December 2017 a total of 307 members of whom 29 are paying ESA members. We are a relatively small but 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).



Collaboration within ESA with other RNs

The 13th ESA Conference saw us organise one joint session with another network, RN35: Sociology of Migration. This session was successful and well-visited, and we strongly aim at continuing collaboration with other RNs also in the area of semi-plenary sessions.

Interim – 2012, 2014, and 2016

The first DCSCRN Interim Conference was organized on 13-14 September 2012, at Lesbos Island, Greece on the theme “The Debt Crisis in the Eurozone: Social Impacts”. The second Interim conference of the RN took place in 2014, entitled “Disasters, Conflicts and Social Crises: Causes, Impacts and Responses”, and organised in collaboration with the Department of Sociology of the University of Crete, held on the island of Crete (Greece), prefecture of Rethymno on the 18-19 September 2014.

The DCSCRN Interim’16 Conference, “Disasters, Conflicts, Social Crises and Mass Emergency Population Movements with Special Reference to the Middle East Refugees”, was to be held in Ankara, Turkey, 29-31 October 2016, in the Middle East Technical University (METU). The conference had been established very far, with its own conference website, venue, selection of abstracts, and organisation. To our great regret, for reasons that were beyond our control, the event had to be cancelled at last minute. The CC of the DCSCRN is deeply indebted to Prof Murat Balamir, our RN08 Advisor, for his utmost efforts to organise this important event on these topics. They have remained very timely for the focus of the ESA, including the ESA Conference theme in 2019. We extend our thanks to all those colleagues who submitted their paper. All of the interim paper givers were automatically offered the chance to present in the DCSCRN sessions in Athens in 2017, which became two sessions with eight papers “Mass Migration and Refugee Crisis: Trends, Causes and Social Impacts” (see above).