

ZiF-Research Group “Communicating Disaster”

Workshop “Cultures and Disasters”

Tuesday, July 5, and Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Plenary Hall, **Bielefeld**, Germany

Convenors: Prof. Dr. Greg Bankoff (University of Hull), Dr. Terry Cannon (Climate Change Group, London), Prof. Dr. Fred Krüger (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg), and Dr. Lisa Schipper (Stockholm Environment Institute, Davis)

Program

Tuesday, July 5	
09:00-09:15	Welcome address by the ZiF and opening remarks by the convenors of the workshop
09:15-10:00	Themed Keynote <i>Greg Bankoff</i> (Hull) and <i>Terry Cannon</i> (London)
10:00-10:30	COFFEE BREAK
Session 1 / Question 1	
10:30	Open discussion: Why is “culture” important to understanding natural hazards and potential disasters?
10:40	<i>James Lewis</i> (Marshfield), “Cultures, contra-cultures and vulnerabilities”
10:55	<i>Andrew Collins</i> (Newcastle-upon-Tyne), “Cultural complexity and opportunity in engaging a disaster and development paradigm”
11:10	<i>Wolf Dombrowsky</i> (Berlin), “Culture, customs, habits - what directs people in extremely limited environments?”
11:25	<i>Gerrit Schenk</i> (Darmstadt), “Why is the history of cultures important to understanding natural hazards and potential disasters?”
11:40	Discussion
12:00-13:00	LUNCH BREAK
Session 2 / Question 1 (cont'd)	
Why is “culture” important to understanding natural hazards and potential disasters?	
13:00	<i>Kate Donovan</i> (Oxford), “Makhluk halus and the mystical flood gates: incorporating the local hazard subculture within Disaster Risk Reduction”

13:15	<i>Mark Healey</i> (Berkeley), "Political cultures of disaster and resilience: Chile and Argentina, 1880s-present"
13:30	<i>Julie Karami</i> (Geneva), "Culture and climate risks: emerging lessons from the field"
13:45	<i>Necati Dedeoglu</i> (Antalya): "Culture of negligence and disaster preparedness"
14:00	Discussion
14:20-14:30	SHORT BREAK
Session 3 / Question 2	
14:30	Open discussion: How do people "operationalise" (put into practice) culture in their day to day disaster risk reduction?
14:40	<i>Ira Helsloot*/Jelle Groenendaal</i> (Amsterdam), "Risk differentiation of residential fires in Amsterdam-Amstelland: socio-demographic characteristics of high-risk households and implications for prevention"
14:55	<i>David Alexander</i> (Davos Platz), "Disaster risk reduction: does culture determine perception?"
15:10	<i>Martin Voss</i> (Kiel), "Benefits and limitations of the Integrative Transdisciplinary Vulnerability Approach - Examples from Indonesia, Thailand and Japan"
15:25	Discussion
16:00-16:30	COFFEE BREAK
Session 4 / Question 2 (cont'd)	
How do people "operationalise" (put into practice) culture in their day to day disaster risk reduction?	
16:30	<i>J.-C. Gaillard</i> (Auckland), "Sexuality, culture and disaster risk reduction"
16:45	<i>Andrew Crabtree</i> (Frederiksberg), "Reflections on Rajni: Culture, risk and psychosocial well-being"
17:00	<i>Luis Artur</i> (Maputo), "Beyond irrationality: Culture and flood response in the Zambesi Delta, Mozambique"
17:15	<i>Fabien Nathan</i> (Geneva), " <i>Casa aunque a la punta del cerro</i> : How and why popular culture shape some people's representations to settle in extremely dangerous areas in La Paz, Bolivia"
17:30	Discussion
18:30-19:30	CONFERENCE DINNER (ZiF Cafeteria)
19:30-20:00	Screening of ICIMOD film "Living with Floods"
* Paper presenter	

Wednesday, July 6	
	Keynote
08:45	<i>Anthony Oliver-Smith</i> (Gainesville), "Conversations in catastrophe: The cultural framing of disaster processes"
	Session 5 / Question 3
09:30	Open discussion: What are the key scientific frameworks for understanding the role of culture in disaster risk reduction and how effective are they?
09:40	<i>Joern Birkmann</i> (Bonn), "Different cultures at the so called 'Last-Mile' - examples from Indonesia and Sri Lanka"
09:55	<i>Maureen Fordham</i> (Newcastle-upon-Tyne), "Scientific frameworks for culture and DRR: from tokenism to transformativity"
10:10	<i>Ilan Kelman</i> (Oslo), "Combining knowledge systems for disaster risk reduction"
10:25	Discussion
11:00-11:30	COFFEE BREAK
	Session 6 / Question 3 (cont'd) What are the key scientific frameworks for understanding the role of culture in disaster risk reduction and how effective are they?
11:30	<i>Detlef Müller-Mahn</i> (Bayreuth), "Whose culture counts? Adaptation to climate change as a travelling idea"
11:45	<i>Heike Egner</i> (Klagenfurt), "Observation theory and the potentials of second order observation for the understanding of culture"
12:00	<i>Christoph Dittrich</i> (Göttingen), "The social construction of food risks in urban India"
12:15	Discussion
13:00-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:00	Discussion Group: Explore new approaches and frameworks to DRR that are fully informed by the culture & behaviour. 4 parallel 1 hour sessions in the plenary hall and rooms "Corner 214", "Round Table" and "Elias"
15:00-16:00	Presentation of group work & open discussion
16:00-16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30-17:15	Themed Keynote <i>Fred Krüger</i> (Erlangen-Nuremberg) & <i>Lisa Schipper</i> (Davis)
17:15-17:30	Concluding remarks
19:00	Dinner in town at restaurant 'Glück und Seligkeit' (paid for by participants)