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An Interdisciplinary Approach to Concepts and Causes

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**Disaster Theory** David Etkin, 2014-12-26 Disaster Theory An Interdisciplinary Approach to Concepts and Causes offers the theoretical background needed to understand what disasters are and why they occur Drawing on related disciplines including sociology risk theory and seminal research on disasters and emergency management Disaster Theory clearly lays out the conceptual framework of the emerging field of disaster studies Tailored to the needs of advanced undergraduates and graduate students this unique text also provides an ideal capstone for students who have already been introduced to the fundamentals of emergency management Disaster Theory emphasizes the application of critical thinking in understanding disasters and their causes by synthesizing a wide range of information on theory and practice including input from leading scholars in the field Offers the first cohesive depiction of disaster theory Incorporates material from leading thinkers in the field as well as student exercises and critical thinking questions making this a rich resource for advanced courses Written from an international perspective and includes case studies of disasters and hazards from around the world for comparing the leading models of emergency response Challenges the reader to think critically about important questions in disaster management from various points of view Disaster Risk Irasema Alcántara-Ayala, Christopher Gomez, Ksenia Chmutina, Dewald van Niekerk, Emmanuel Raju, Victor Marchezini, Jake Rom Cadag, JC Gaillard, 2022-10-13 The text offers a comprehensive and unique perspective on disaster risk associated with natural hazards It covers a wide range of topics reflecting the most recent debates but also older and pioneering discussions in the academic field of disaster studies as well as in the policy and practical areas of disaster risk reduction DRR This book will be of particular interest to undergraduate students studying geography and environmental studies science It will also be of relevance to students professionals from a wide range of social and physical science disciplines including public health and public policy sociology anthropology political science and geology Environmental Management Peter R. Mulvihill, S. Harris Ali, 2016-11-25 The field of Environmental Management EM involves a broad and evolving repertoire of practices The field originated around 1970 in response to new policy regulation and public concern about environmental issues EM has undergone many changes and improvements since then progressing from a reactive compliance based focus toward in leading cases practices reflecting strong commitment to sustainability And yet EM remains for the most part ill equipped to deal with the complex and highly uncertain implications of the ecological crisis Environmental Management offers a rigorous critique of conventional EM and explores alternative ideas frameworks and approaches that are currently considered fringe but which have the potential to transform the practice of EM This book goes beyond narrow definitions and considers questions regarding the purpose roles scope and potential of environmental management EM is situated and contextualized within the evolving and expanding realm of environment and sustainability literature The book argues that new approaches to EM need to be more flexible imaginative and better equipped to address future environmental problems of a scale and severity previously unforeseen This book will be of great

interest to students and scholars of environmental management environmental planning resource management and environmental assessment International Handbook of Disaster Research Amita Singh, 2023-09-30 This handbook is a comprehensive source of information analysis and directions in disaster studies It goes beyond the oft explored issues of management and science related to the topic and explores policies governance law and decision making combined with the processes of implementation and enforcement all the while integrating the latest science and technology updates related to the topic such as artificial intelligence and early warning systems It brings together studies which relate to sociology politics and institutional economics which work under the impact of resource availability issues of leadership and international laws Disasters are trans boundary and disaster studies are trans disciplinary It is this aspect which would form the fulcrum of contributions and present a new refreshing and innovative design for the handbook The transformatory pedagogy which started with the Hyogo Framework for action 2005 2015 and The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 2030 outlines seven clear targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks The four priority areas around which the book would revolve are i Understanding disaster risk ii Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk iii Investing in disaster reduction for resilience and iv Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to Build Back Better in recovery rehabilitation and reconstruction **Integrated Research on Disaster** Risks Riyanti Djalante, Mizan B. F. Bisri, Rajib Shaw, 2021-02-05 This book is a collection of works written by young scientists involved in the Integrated Disaster Risk Research IRDR Integrated Research on Disaster Risk IRDR is a decade long research programme co sponsored by the International Science Council merged by International Council for Science ICSU the International Social Science Council ISSC and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction UNDRR It is a global multi disciplinary approach to dealing with the challenges brought by natural disasters mitigating their impacts and improving related policy making mechanisms The book examines multidisciplinary research and actions related to disaster risk reduction internationally The Integrated Research on Disaster Risk IRDR Young Scientists programme is A sub programme within IRDR which promotes capacity building of young professionals and encourages them to undertake innovative and need based research which makes science policy and science practice linkages stronger IRDR Young Scientists Programme was started in late 2016 Currently it is a community of 115 young researchers from over 40 countries after 3 batches of application IRDR network and partners provide academic advice and training courses workshops and programmes for IRDR young scientists IRDR young scientists contribute to innovative research in the field of disaster risk reduction and participate in conferences and or social media as the ambassador of IRDR The book is of interest to researchers and scholars in the field of governance of sustainability and environmental governance Postgraduate students will benefit this book within courses on environmental governance on climate change governance and on transformation and social change processes Societal actors in climate change adaptation and other environmental governance fields on local

national and international levels can benefit from the focus on societally relevant findings in the past 10 years of research on Integrating Mental Health and Disability Into Public Health Disaster Preparedness and Response Jill Morrow-Gorton, Susan Wolf-Fordham, Katherine Snyder, 2022-08-18 Integrating Mental Health and Disability into Public Health Disaster Preparedness and Response brings together the fields of mental behavioral health law human rights and medicine as they relate to disaster planning and response for people with disabilities mental and behavioral health conditions and chronic illness Children and adults with disabilities mental behavioral health conditions and chronic illness remain more vulnerable to the negative effects of emergencies and disasters than the general population This book addresses the effects of emotional trauma personal growth and resilience the impact on physical health and systems of care and legal compliance and advocacy Following a philosophy of whole community emergency planning inclusive of people with disabilities the book advocates for considering and addressing these issues together in an effort to ultimately lead to greater resilience for individuals with disabilities and the whole community Provides a public health framework on the phases of disasters integrating mental health and disability into planning responding to disasters and recovering post disaster Offers solutions for disability and disaster needs as well as planning and systems for service delivery at multiple levels including individual local state and federal Provides global examples of real world tools best practices and legal principles allowing the reader to think about the role that disability and mental health play in disaster planning response and recovery across the world Reflects the best thinking about disaster planning and response and disability related issues and demonstrates new and creative ways of bringing together these fields to strengthen communities 
Disaster Research and the Second **Environmental Crisis** James Kendra, Scott G. Knowles, Tricia Wachtendorf, 2019-04-04 The 50th anniversary of the Disaster Research Center of the University of Delaware provoked a discussion of the field's background its accomplishments and its future directions Participants representing many disciplines brought new methods to bear on perennial problems relevant to effective disaster management and policy formation However new concerns were raised stemming from the fact that we live today in a globally unfolding environmental crisis every bit as pressing and worrisome as that of the 1960s when the Disaster Research center was founded This volume brings together ideas of participants from that workshop as well as other contributors Topics include the history and evolution of disaster research innovations in disaster management disaster policy and ethical considerations of disaster research Readers interested in science and technology public policy community action and the evolution of the social sciences will find much of interest in this collection Disaster Studies Janki Andharia, 2020-03-25 This book covers several dimensions of disaster studies as an emerging discipline It is the inaugural book in the series Disaster Studies and Management and deals with questions such as Is disaster management a field of practice a profession or simply a new area of study Exploring intersectionalities the book also examines areas of research that could help enhance the discourse on disaster management from policy and practice perspectives revisiting conventional

event centric approaches which are the basis for most writings on the subject Several case studies and comparative analyses reflect a critical reading of research and practice concerning disasters and their management The book offers valuable insights into various subjects including the challenge of establishing inter and multi disciplinary teams within the academia involved in disaster studies and sociological and anthropological readings of post disaster memoryscapes Each of the contributors has an enduring interest in disaster studies thus enriching the book immensely This book will be of interest to all the students and scholars of disaster studies and disaster management as well as to practitioners and policymakers

**Disaster Epidemiology** Jennifer Horney, 2017-10-31 Disaster Epidemiology Methods and Applications applies the core methods of epidemiological research and practice to the assessment of the short and long term health effects of disasters The persistent movement of people and economic development to regions vulnerable to natural disasters as well as new vulnerabilities related to environmental technological and terrorism incidents means that in spite of large global efforts to reduce the impacts and costs of disasters average annual expenditures to fund rebuilding from catastrophic losses is rising faster than either population or the gross world product Improving the resilience of individuals and communities to these natural and technological disasters climate change and other natural and manmade stressors is one of the grand challenges of the 21st century This book provides a guide to disaster epidemiology methods supported with applications from practice It helps researchers public health practitioners and governmental policy makers to better quantify the impacts of disaster on the health of individuals and communities to enhance resilience to future disasters Disaster Epidemiology Methods and Applications explains how public health surveillance rapid assessments and other epidemiologic studies can be conducted in the post disaster setting to prevent injury illness or death provide accurate and timely information for decisions makers and improve prevention and mitigation strategies for future disasters. These methods can also be applied to the study of other types of public health emergencies such as infectious outbreaks emerging and re emerging diseases and refugee health This book gives both the public health practitioner and researcher the tools they need to conduct epidemiological studies in a disaster setting and can be used as a reference or as part of a course Provides a holistic perspective to epidemiology with an integration of academic and practical approaches Showcases the use of hands on techniques and principles to solve real world problems Includes contributions from both established and emerging scholars in the field of disaster epidemiology

Resilience in the Pacific and the Caribbean Simon Hollis,2020-10-26 This book critically examines the global diffusion and local reception of resilience through the implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction DRR programmes in Pacific and Caribbean island states Global efforts to strengthen local disaster resilience capacities have become a staple of international development activity in recent decades yet the successful implementation of DRR projects designed to strengthen local resilience remains elusive While there are pockets of success a gap remains between global expectations and local realities Through a critical realist study of global and local worldviews of resilience in the Pacific and Caribbean

islands this book argues that the global advocacy of DRR remains inadequate because of a failure to prioritise a person orientated ethics in its conceptualization of disaster resilience. This regional comparison provides a valuable lens to understand the underlying social structures that makes resilience possible and the extent to which local governments communities and persons interpret and modify their behaviour on risk when faced with the global message on resilience This book will be of much interest to students of resilience risk management development studies and area studies Disasters and Risk Management in Canada Nirupama Agrawal, 2018-03-27 These chapters provide valuable and comprehensive information on a variety of hazards including both scientific and social aspects of disasters The work introduces the concept of large medium and small scale hazards and includes many useful case studies as well as working examples of theoretical concepts As readers will acknowledge today the distinction between natural and technological hazards is becoming blurred and a new concept of NATECH hazards is evolving For permanent hazards such as tides wind waves coastal erosion and climate change routine predictions are made whereas for evanescent hazards including droughts sea level rise and coastal subsidence monitoring of various parameters is the norm Only for episodic hazards for example hurricanes winter storms tsunamis and river floods early warning systems are used with varying degrees of success The book explores how for certain episodic hazards like tornadoes landslides forest fires snow avalanches and volcanic eruptions the early warning systems are still in various stages of development Readers will gain knowledge of theoretical and practical concepts of risk evaluation which assist in better understanding of disaster dynamics and readers will become better equipped in quantification of disaster risk and vulnerability. The author explains how risk reduction initiatives taking into account stakeholders participation and perception can provide a roadmap to building resilient communities and cities This book will be useful not only to practitioners of disaster management but also to research scholars and graduate students It is highly readable and will appeal more broadly too to all those who are interested in the very latest thinking on and expert analysis of hazards and disasters The Writing of Natural Disaster in Europe, 1500-1826 Sandhya Patel, Sophie Chiari, 2022-12-12 This book explores reactions to and representations of natural disasters in early modern Europe The contributors illustrate how the cultural production of the period in manuals treatises sermons travelogues and fiction grappled with environmental catastrophe Crucially they interrogate how people in the early modern era rationalized and mediated the threat of events like plagues great frosts storms floods and earthquakes A vital contribution to environmental history this book highlights the parallels between early modern responses to natural disaster and climate anxiety in our own Disaster Risk Management in the Republic of Korea Yong-kyun Kim, Hong-Gyoo Sohn, 2017-07-10 This book era scrutinizes the entire disaster trajectory history in the Republic of Korea evolution cross over and interconnection among natural technological and social disasters Also examined is the government s dynamic reaction for effective disaster responses in the wake of major disasters labelled as focusing events distributed in the long tail of the power law function

Collating one nation's entire disaster history its disaster management policies and its responses to major disasters is a unique journey into that nation s evolution Korea rose from devastation in the 1950s to become one of the most economically and politically dynamic nations by the turn of the century However with rapid growth has come all types of disasters Looking at the lessons learned from Korea's disaster risk management measures policies and responses as well as some of the world's major disasters we can gain insight into the future of disaster risk management. This book is intended to lay out developing nations potential future disaster risk management path a theoretical policymaking guide and desirable institutional and organizational transformations Effective countermeasures included in this book will guide policymakers capacity builders and academics in developing nations to avoid the disaster path in the near future at the cost of rapid economic growth that Korea Ethics for Disaster Naomi Zack, 2023-05-12 Ethics for Disaster shows how individual and government preparation and response to hurricanes earthquakes tornadoes wildfires pandemics and other disasters are ethical matters Confronting the social inequalities revealed by these disasters we must also acknowledge how the lack of preparation for climate change and pandemics has shifted these threats from modern isolated disasters into constant contemporary risks This second edition presents four new chapters about disaster as risk from climate change the natural elements of earth air wind and fire the COVID 19 and other pandemics and innocent victims and refugees Now more than ever we need good and just moral principles to guide us through the disruptive crises ahead especially for minorities Humanism and humanitarianism are vital Zack combines moral philosophy political theory public policy and environmental science to present new ways to think about changes in the world we all share Disaster Risk Management Prof. Dr. Vladimir M. Cvetković, 2024-04-22 The textbook is intended for students of basic and master academic studies as well as to a wider professional audience members of the emergency services etc who are increasingly faced with the need for a more thorough understanding of the problem of a multidisciplinary approach in the identification process disaster risk analysis and treatment The content of the textbook is in line with the curriculum of the subject Disaster Risk Management which is taught in the third year of basic academic studies of the Faculty of Security In the writing of the textbooks great attention was paid to meeting high standards in terms of scientific and professional and pedagogical and didactic requirements and extensive scientific and professional material of all relevant foreign and domestic authors was used Besides the author used a fair treasure trove of his scholarly and professional papers which have been scientifically verified by numerous international and national reviewers Also the author incorporated most of his research findings in the country and abroad into the text of the textbook to enrich it with scientifically verified facts Also invaluable experience in working with students has helped to release the textbook from the additional scientific reflection that would make it difficult to acquire basic knowledge in the field of disaster risk management The first edition of the textbook also has its limitations which are reflected in the insufficient theoretical development of the scientific discipline which is relatively young and should contribute to creating additional conditions for the construction of

the theory I would like to emphasize that the textbook represents the first such publication published in the Serbian language in our region which will greatly improve the knowledge and professional competencies of the general professional public

Crisis and Disaster Management for Sport Richard Shipway, Lee Miles, Richard Gordon, 2020-11-11 Crisis and Disaster Management for Sport is the first book to introduce key concepts and best practice in crisis and disaster management in sport and international sports events The book draws from multiple disciplines to provide insight into the issues and challenges involved in planning for and managing crises and disasters in the context of sport With an initial focus on sports event and venue resilience the book also explores social community and individual resilience within sport and examines concepts and issues such as fandom risk perception crowd control and management crisis communication and reputational risk and the growing challenges posed by climate change The book includes real world case studies as well as disaster management related simulation and scenario building exercises and looks ahead to what might be the most significant threats in future to the safe and sustainable management of sport With the devastating impacts of COVID 19 illustrating the central importance of resilience and proper preparation for crises and disasters this book is an essential read for all researchers students practitioners and policy makers working in sport tourism entertainment leisure and critical event Creating Katrina, Rebuilding Resilience Michael J. Zakour, Nancy Mock, Paul Kadetz, 2017-11-13 Creating Katrina studies Rebuilding Resilience Lessons from New Orleans on Vulnerability and Resiliency presents a unique integrative understanding of Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area and the progression to disaster vulnerability as well as resilience pathways The book integrates the understanding of vulnerability and resiliency by examining the relationships among these two concepts and theories The disaster knowledge of diverse disciplines and professions is brought together in this book with authors from social work public health community organizing sociology political science public administration psychology anthropology geography and the study of religion The editors offer both expert and an insider perspectives on Katrina because they have lived in New Orleans and experienced Katrina and the recovery An improved understanding of the recovery and reconstruction phases of disaster is also presented and these disaster stages have been the least examined in the disaster and emergency management literature Integrates multiple disciplines to study the long term recovery of the worst non terrorist disaster in U S history Provides a local perspective with at least one co contributor for each chapter living in New Orleans Examines vulnerability and resilience theory and application **Managing Disaster Risks to Cultural** Heritage Bijan Rouhani, Xavier Romão, 2023-11-15 Managing Disaster Risks to Cultural Heritage presents case studies from different regions in the world and establishes a framework for understanding identifying and analysing disaster risks to immovable cultural heritage Featuring contributions from academics and practitioners from around the globe the book presents a comprehensive view of the scholarship relating to cultural heritage disaster risk preparedness and post disaster recovery Particular attention is given to the complex and dynamic nature of disaster risks and how they evolve during

different phases of a catastrophic event especially as hazards can create secondary effects that have greater impacts on cultural heritage infrastructure and economy Arguing that risk preparedness and mitigation have historically been secondary to reactive emergency and first aid response the book demonstrates that preparedness plans based on sound risk assessments can prevent hazards from becoming disasters Emphasising that the protection of cultural heritage through preparedness mitigation actions and risk adaptation measures especially for climate change can contribute to the resilience of societies the book highlights the vital role of communities in such activities Managing Disaster Risks to Cultural Heritage will be useful to students professionals and scholars studying and working with cultural heritage protection It will be of particular interest to those working in the fields of Cultural Heritage Archaeology Conservation and Preservation Sustainable Development and Disaster Studies **Emergency Management for Law Enforcement** James F. Prescott, Jr., 2023-12-06 With renewed interest in both emergency management and homeland security disproportionate attention and resources have been focused on terrorist threats However natural hazards pose a far greater risk of death injury and property damage to the typical American jurisdiction Hurricanes floods and tornadoes cause billions of dollars in damage and substantial numbers of deaths and injuries each year The aim of this book is to focus on these natural hazards and the linkage between law enforcement and emergency management It draws from criminal justice psychology public administration emergency management public health meteorology leadership and management in an effort to synthesize a wealth of knowledge to better prepare police officers to respond to the complete range of emergencies and disasters they encounter on the job Emergency Management for Law Enforcement Strategies Operations and Tactics will help to better integrate law enforcement officers with other first responder agencies as they work together to resolve critical incidents It pulls together important information obtained from empirical research and disaster experience This knowledge is designed to help law enforcement officers deal with disasters and emergencies more effectively as important players in emergency management Learning these evidence based practical applications will assist police officers in making better decisions in order to take more effective actions at critical incident scenes The Experience of Disaster in Early Modern English Literature Sophie Chiari, 2022-04-27 This book addresses the concept of disaster through a variety of literary texts dating back to the early modern period While Shakespeare s age which was an era of colonisation certainly marked a turning point in men and women's relations with nature the present times seem to announce the advent of environmental justice in spite of the massive ecological destructions that have contributed to reshape our planet Between then and now a whole history of climatic disasters and of their artistic depictions needs to be traced The literary representations of eco catastrophes in particular have consistently fashioned the English identity and led to the progress of science and the advancement of learning They have also obliged us to adapt recycle and innovate How could the destructive process entailed by ecological disasters be represented on the page and thereby transformed into a creative process encouraging meditation preservation

and resilience in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries To this question this book offers nuanced contextualised and perceptive answers Divided into three main sections Extreme Conditions Tempestuous Skies and Biblical Calamities it deals with the major environmental issues of our time through the prism of early modern culture and literature

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