



LA RED

**LA RED DE ESTUDIOS SOCIALES EN
PREVENCION DE DESASTRES EN AMERICA
LATINA**

A Regional Experience

The Network for Social Studies on Disaster
Prevention in Latin America

www.desenredando.org



Beginnings

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The Network for Social Studies on Disaster Prevention in Latin America, LA RED, was created in 1992 in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, for a group of 16 people interested in the social perspective of disasters, in times when research on the subject was dominated by approaches derived exclusively from the natural sciences and engineering, centered in consequences (atencionistas) and based on the needs arising from major disasters.

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THE RESEARCH AGENDA AND ORGANIC CONSTITUTION

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The Research Agenda should be conceptually placed in a framework in which disasters are considered an “unsolved problem of the development process”, under the principle that disasters are not natural per se, but rather a problem of the relationship between nature and the organization and structure of society.

In 22 years, LA RED has influence thoughts and actions, developed through a variety of ideas and roles of different individuals on DRM.

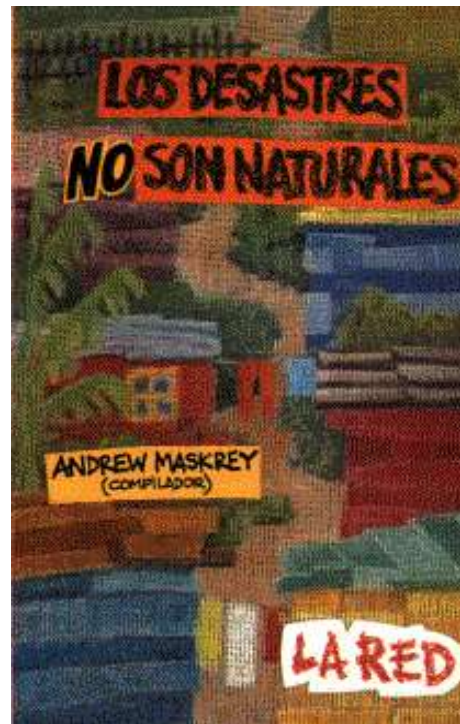




Publications

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- 20 Books, 9 journals of the " Disaster and Society" magazine, articles and a publication on **Research Perspectives and action on climate change in Latin America**, are available.

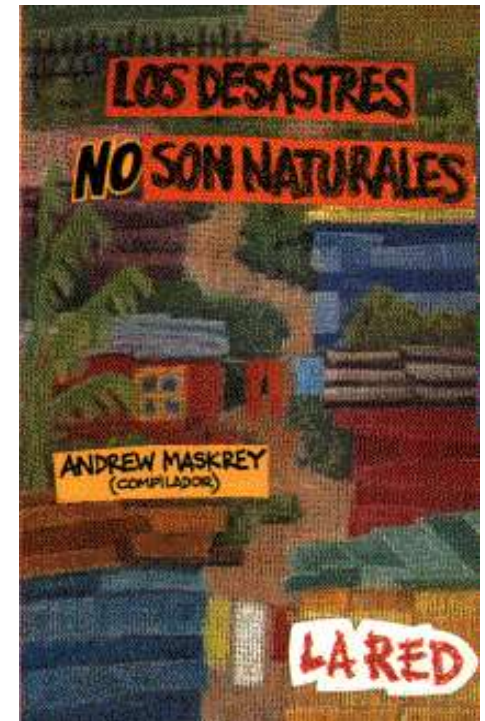




The development of ideas...

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1. Disasters are not natural (Maskrey, 1993)
2. Environmental Management and Disaster Risk Management: two associated topics (Cardona, 1993), shows the intrinsic relationship between risk, development and the environment.
(Comprehensive glossary)





The development of ideas...

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3. Small- and medium-scale disasters are important (Lavell, 1994)

DESINVENTAR online
Sistema de inventario de efectos de desastres
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4. Socio-natural hazards (Lavell, 1996)

5. Vulnerability and social construction of risk
“*Vulnerabilidad, el entorno Social, Politico y Economico de los Desastres*”
(Maskrey, 1993; Mansilla, 1996)

6. The corrective, prospective and compensatory risk management (Lavell and Franco, 1996)

7. The current notion of Risk Management (Cardona)

8. Intensive – Extensive Risk (Marulanda and Cardona, 2006)





Activities

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Since its creation it has been developing a set of activities and action research projects and capacity building for risk management, local, regional:

- Comparative Research Projects
- Research – Action ... Actors
- DesInventar (www.desinventar.org), a tool for collecting and analyzing information on the impact of disasters.
- Development of education and training processes
- DRM at Local level
- Support Legal framework





Activities

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- Development of multiple consultants in various countries and on topics related to risk management, as a team and individuals, that have nurtured significantly LA RED experience as a whole, and their actors

- GAR
- UNDP
- UNISDR
- IPCC - SREX
- IRDR – SC ICoE
- IDB – World Bank (Conceptual Framework)



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LA RED is a virtual and non-linear spiral structure. At the center of the spiral there is a “Promoter Group” currently consists of 31 researchers from South, Central and North America.....and everywhere. *BRIDGE...The NET-Works*

- Identification of existing advances and linkages of the scientific and academic community initiatives with Disaster Risk Reduction in LAC. *Example*
- FORIN Proposal as a Research Strategy for Integrated Research on Disaster Risk
- Near Future: IRDR Programs RIA, AIRDR



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