

Report of the International Centre of Excellence for Risk Interpretation and Action, London

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Strategic Leadership

With Pelling as founding co-chair, and Virginia Murray as a member, efforts continue to develop the UK Alliance for Disaster Research, this is now positioned to act as the national science platform for Sendai. Please see the UK ADR website. Main activity this period was around developing an RCUK Global Challenges bid that was unsuccessful but is now being redeveloped, under leadership from co-chair Andrew Collins. The next period will see the first annual conference, hosted at King's.

Presentations

Blackburn, S. "The politics of scale and disaster risk governance: Barriers to decentralisation in Portland, Jamaica", Oral Presentation, Session: Governing Adaptation, Royal Geographical Society (RGS-IBG) Annual Conference, London, UK, 30 Aug – 2 Sept 2016

Blackburn, S. "Shifting Social Contracts as a Lens on Citizenship Formation: Evidence from the Andaman Islands", Oral Presentation, Session: Researching Citizenship through Actor-Centred Approaches, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK, 30 Aug – 2 Sept 2016

Blackburn, S. (2016) "Making waves: Shifting social contracts through tsunami rehabilitation in the Andaman Islands, South India", Poster Presentation, 1.5 Degrees: Meeting the challenges of the Paris Agreement, Environmental Change Institute (ECI), University of Oxford, 20-22 September 2016

Blackburn, S., Presentation of PhD research, Contested Development Group, King's College London.

Fraser, Arabella, Adaptation Futures 10-13 May 2016, presentation Adapting to risk under austerity: case studies from Europe and the Caribbean in KCL-organised session.

Fraser, Arabella, Royal Geographic Society Aug 30 - Sep 2, presentation The PEARL Risk Assessment Framework: Building Methodologies For Holistic and Structural Solutions to Coastal Flooding in session entitled Methods for assessing resilience and vulnerability to natural hazards and disasters.

Langston, Lara 'Pro-poor development: Governmentality and the creation of resilient subjects.' Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London, August 2016

Papers, book chapters and policy briefs

Audia et al, 2016, Investigating resilience at local, organisational and institutional levels: a methodological note, King's College London and Christian AID, available at: <https://goo.gl/oEVM9J>

Fraser, A., The politics of knowledge and production of vulnerability in urban informal settlements: learning from Bogota, Colombia in Urban Poverty and Climate Change: Life in the slums of Asia, Africa and Latin America (Routledge Advances in Climate Change Research) Hardcover – 16 May 2016 by [Manoj Roy](#) (Editor), [Sally Cawood](#) (Editor), [Michaela Hordijk](#) (Editor), [David Hulme](#) (Editor)

Fraser, A, Pelling M, Solecki W (2016) Understanding risk in the context of urban development: definitions, concepts and pathways. In Bartlett S and Satterthwaite D (eds) *Cities on a Finite Planet*, Earthscan, London, pp 17-41

Kovats, S, Pelling M, Koniordou M, Birlmann J, Welle T (2016) London, United Kingdom. In Bartlett S and Satterthwaite D (eds) *Cities on a Finite Planet*, Earthscan, London, pp 116-135

Satterthwaite, D, Bartlett S, Roberts D, Dodman D, Solecki W, Sverdlik A, Pelling M (2016) Conclusions and way forward. In Bartlett S and Satterthwaite D (eds) *Cities on a Finite Planet*, Earthscan, London, pp 240-263

Visman et al, 2016, Learning to support co-production, King's College London and Christian AID

Workshops organised

Dr Amy Donovan co-organised (with Dr James Hammond, Prof Clive Oppenheimer and Kosima Liu) a workshop in Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to discuss the geoscience and potential future hazards and risks from an eruption of Mount Paektu (on the China-DPRK border). The workshop involved scientists from the DPRK, China, UK and US. It was funded by King's College London, Birkbeck University of London and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Grant proposals

Six grant proposals were submitted to the Global Challenges Research Fund call on "Building Resilience" – an interdisciplinary programme involving the Economic and Social, Natural Environment and Arts and Humanities Research Councils.