

The American Graduate School in Paris and  
The Graduate Student Conference Committee proudly present  
The AGS Graduate Student Conference, 2011  
Thursday, May 26th, and Friday, May 27th

***The Politics of Disaster***  
*The Mitigation, Management and*  
*International Response to Environmental Crises*

Environmental disasters have been afflicting mankind for millennia. Earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, drought, and in modern times, industrial calamities number only a few of the destructive forces that have continually plagued life on planet Earth. In the ensuing months and years following these crises, communities, governments, aid agencies and NGOs have banded together to assist in the relief and recovery process. As a result, questions arise as to the efficacy and frequency of the fiscal, environmental and social responses to these disasters. As the world's population continues to grow exponentially, the instances of natural and man-made disasters are increasing in both size and scope. The goal of this conference is to explore the myriad of historical responses, as well as the potential theoretical solutions, to future crises. The impacts of these crises are broad, as are the disciplines that explore their consequences.

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Thursday, May 26

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10:00—Traditional French breakfast served

10:30—Conference registration

11:30—Opening remarks by Dr. Ruchi Anand

12:00—Remarks by Nora Hartmann

12:30-14:00—Catered lunch served

14:00-17:30—Panel I:

DISASTER MEDIATION

Moderator: Patrick Clairzier

*Yogi Hendlin (UCLA)*—

Terra Nullius and the Backlash Against Private Foreign  
Conservation Investment in South America

*Jeff Schuhrke (Clark University)*—

Radical Risk Reduction & Revolutionary Adaptation: Climate  
Disasters, Agriculture, & Capitalist Modernity

*Evan Axelrad (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)*—

Disaster Entrepreneurs: Policy Entrepreneurs and Crisis  
Exploitation as Catalysts for Political Change in Authoritarian  
Countries

*Sylvia Corona-Palacios (UK New Citizen)*—

Emergency Politics: Environmental Disasters as Political  
Events and the Reconstruction of the Political System in  
Humanitarian Relief Operations

17:30- Evening plans to be announced

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Friday, May 27

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10:00—Traditional French breakfast served

10:30—Global Discussion Initiative speaker

11:00-13:00—Panel II:

EXTERNAL INFLUENCES AND CHALLENGES

Moderator: AJ Morgen

*Lisa Albright (AGS)*—

*Population Growth and Overpopulation in Central America*

*Stephen Goss (AGS)*—

*Nuclear Power and Austrian Energy Policy*

*Kelly Archambeault (AGS)*—

*The Role of Nuclear Safety in International Law*

13:00-14:00—Catered lunch served

14:00-17:30—Panel III:

INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION

Moderator: Evan Musolino

*Silver Wang (Syracuse University)*—

*Mekong River Conflict: Analysis and Intervention Strategies*

*Saira Orakzai (University of New England)*—

*The Role of Non-state Actors in Earthquake and Flood Relief  
Work in Pakistan for Regaining Ground in the War Against  
Terror*

*John Kreienkamp & Christopher Boylan (Trinity College)*—

*Donor Regime Type and Disaster Aid Donation: Evidence  
from the 2010 Haiti Earthquake*

17:30—Picnic at Champ de Mars