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Note that participation is free, but registration is required due to space constraints.

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8.45 - 9.00
Registration
9.00 - 9.10
Welcome address

Morning session: Disaster-induced displacement
Chair: Giandonato Caggiano, Roma Tre University

Clarifying the legal framework
9.10 - 9.30
Complementary protection in situations of cross-border disaster-related displacement
Matthew Scott (Lund University)

9.30 - 9.50
Disaster-induced displacement: is there a need for a special category of protection?
Dug Cubie (University College Cork)

9.50 - 10.10
Temporary protection arrangements for disaster-induced displaced persons: international, regional and national approaches
Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani (Uninettuno University)

10.10 - 10.30
The EU and Environmental Migration: Strategies of Containment, Self-interest and Securitisation
Violeta Moreno-Lax (Queen Mary University of London)

10.30 - 11.10
Discussion

11.10 - 11.30
Coffee break

Perspectives from the field
12.00-12.20
Alice Sironi (International Organization for Migration)

12.20 - 12.40
Justin Ginnetti (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre – Norwegian Refugee Council)

12.40 - 13.00
Discussion

13.00 - 14.00
Lunch break

Afternoon session: Before disaster strikes. Approaching calamities from a Human Rights perspective
Chair: Marco Gestri, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

14.00 - 14.20
A legal definition of disaster and its impact for the protection of persons
Giulio Bartolini (Roma Tre University)

14.20 - 14.40
Is there a human right to international humanitarian assistance?
Marlies Hesselman (University of Groningen)

14.40 - 15.00
R.I.P. R2P: On the controversial ‘Responsibility to protect’ doctrine and why it adds no value to disasters
Karen Da Costa (University College London)

15.00 - 15.20
The right to a healthy environment: delineating the content (and contours) of a slippery notion
Giovanna Adinolfi (University of Milan)

15.20 - 15.40
Coffee Break

15.40 - 16.00
Discussion

16.00 - 16.20
States’ failure to take preventive action and to reduce exposure to disasters as a human rights issue
Mirko Sossa (Roma Tre University)

16.20 - 16.40
The Migrants in Countries in Crisis Initiative
Alice Sironi (International Organization for Migration)

16.40 - 17.00
Non-state actors and human rights in disaster scenarios: compliance, accountability and standard setting
Tommaso Natoli (Roma Tre University)

17.00-17.20
Discussion
End of day one

Friday 4 March  Sala delle Bandiere

Morning session: Human Rights issues in disaster settings
Chair: Andrea de Guttry, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna

9.30 - 9.50
Limiting and suspending human rights in time of disaster
Emanuele Sommario (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna)

9.50 - 10.10
The right to know: the role of transparency, access to information and freedom of expression in overcoming disasters
Alice Riccardi (Uninettuno University)

10.10 - 10.30
Indigenous Communities: from victims to actors of disaster management
Kristin Hausler (British Institute of International and Comparative Law)

10.30 - 10.50
Discussion

10.50 - 11.10
Break

Chair: Gabriella Venturini, Università degli Studi di Milano

11.10 - 11.30
The human rights approach in the works of the International Law Commission on the protection of persons in the event of disasters
Ronan McDermott (University College Dublin)

11.30 - 11.50
Integrating human rights in disaster management
Annalisa Creta (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna)

11.50 - 12.10
Addressing discrimination in disasters scenarios: an international law perspective
Federico Casolari (University of Bologna)

12.10 - 12.30
Assistance to disaster victims in an armed conflict: the role of international humanitarian law
Sarah Williams (University of New South Wales)

12.30 - 13.00
Discussion
Final remarks
End of the conference