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RE-INVENTING DISASTER STUDIES: FOUR CHALLENGES FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL FUTURE

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*This **PERIPERI U TALKS** session will start from the observation that we often claim that disasters are social constructs while offering little, but theories, concepts and methods supposed to be universal in understanding the unique and diverse experiences of millions of people across very different cultures. This is an epistemological non-sense that disaster studies needs to address to make research more meaningful in the future. Such agenda will require to address four fundamental questions: 1) what do we study; that is; what is a disaster? 2) why do we study what we call disaster? 3) How do we study what we call disaster? and 4) who does study what we call disaster? This seminar will argue that to meaningfully tackle these four questions we need a more diverse set of world views/senses and ways of knowing to better reflect local realities of what disasters actually are around the world.*

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