



Sociology
of Disasters

Research Committee on the Sociology of Disasters

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this issue of *Unscheduled Events*. We have all sorts of news and information for you to read about in this issue, so please dive in! First, however, as we head into increasingly tumultuous times of climate, politics, and conflict, I want to take a moment to recognize our family, friends, colleagues, and peers who have given their lives working in and reporting from disaster impact zones and high conflict regions. There are so many losses, but behind their sacrifice stand more who are ready to step forward to combat injustices, respond to evolving crises, and help to mitigate future ones. Thank you all.



Michele Companion

Tumult has touched each region and all organizations. This summer, many traveled to Rabat, Morocco for the ISA World Forum. While on the front face, things were calm, and there were tremendous presentations and social events. Behind the scenes, however, controversial decisions were being made. Due to external threats made to shut down the conference in the week leading up to the conference and other factors (see the excerpt from the letter to the ISA members from Geoffrey Pleyers, President of the ISA, from August 2025, immediately following this note), some officers at ISA made the decision to temporarily suspend the Israeli Sociological Society. Ostensibly, this is due to their violation of the ISA Code of Ethics stemming from their collective failure to condemn the Palestinian genocide. ISA has reiterated that all individual Israeli scholars were still welcomed and encouraged to attend. The suspension is currently under appeal and has generated incredible division within ISA. Some scholars have argued that this is a necessary step; others do not agree. The discussion continues in earnest. I encourage everyone to follow the discussions on the ISA website and through the various emails that have been circulating to the ISA members. Please read the issues carefully and make your feelings known to the ISA leadership. Your feedback is essential. Please make yourself heard. Thank you to those who have taken the time to

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to write well-thought out and heartfelt letters already. Your voices matter.

Turning to other news, we are already looking ahead to the XXI World Congress in 2027 in Gwangju, Korea. The World Congress will be held from 4 – 10 July, 2027. There were some wonderful representatives from the Korean Sociological Association in Rabat. They had a great exhibit and presentation. Please do think about attending and organizing sessions and presenting your work! International events, as you will read below, are great opportunities to connect with new colleagues and start incredible journeys of collaboration. I am pleased to announce that, after attending the World Forum and meeting with the folks from the Korean Sociological Association, your newsletter editor Tiffany Cousins has already volunteered to serve as the program co-coordinator! Thanks Tiffany! We will be back with you about this conference as the planning process kicks into full gear.

One last quick note, for those who are planning on attending either the Natural Hazards Workshop or the Researchers Meeting, they are **EARLY** next year (2026). While both have been held in mid-July, the dates are now mid-June. The new dates for the Natural Hazards Workshop are 14 June – 17 June, 2026 in Broomfield, CO. The Researchers Meeting will follow and be held from 17 June to 18 June, 2026. We always have incredible presentations at both events. For more information, please see the following link: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026>.

Stay safe and well!

With tremendous respect,

Michèle Companion



XXI ISA WORLD CONGRESS
OF SOCIOLOGY **2027**
GWANGJU, KOREA

Pleyers' Statement

Excerpt of letter from Geoffrey Pleyers, President of the ISA, to the members, August 2025

The entirety of the letter to the membership is quite lengthy. It can be read online in the [“Presidential Corner”](#). Given the concerns and potential misinformation about the ISS suspension, I have included the verbatim statement on ISS from his letter. As you will see, we are starting at item number 5 in the letter, so please do read the rest of the letter if you missed it in your emails for additional information.

“5. ISA Stances on the Genocide in Gaza and the Suspension of the Israeli Sociological Society
The ISA has issued three [public statements](#) condemning the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the ethnic cleansing in the West Bank. Following requests from a number of National Associations and RCs, and given the increasingly unbearable situation in Gaza, the [ISA Executive Committee decided](#) to temporarily suspend the collective membership of the Israeli Sociological Society (ISS), which has not taken a clear stance condemning the situation in Gaza.

I want to share the following considerations regarding the ISA's decision to suspend the ISS:

- This was a complex and sensitive decision, taken after consultations with colleagues from all perspectives, including the ISS leadership, members of the network [Global Sociologists for Palestine](#), and leaders of the Forum Boycott Campaigns.
- Our priority has been to maintain a space for individual sociologists from all countries to participate fully in the ISA Forum and in other ISA and RC/WG/TG activities.
- We do not reduce individuals to their nationality and are aware that many Israeli colleagues have mobilised against their government's inhumane policies. Israeli sociologists remain welcome in the ISA as individual members.
- After the publication of this decision and the ISA Forum in Rabat, some NAs, RCs, and ISA members have expressed their support for the suspension, while others have expressed their disapproval. This is a legitimate debate and an important conversation among the ISA constituencies. Following the ISA rules and customs, we will continue to engage in dialogue and reassess the situation over time. The next stage of internal deliberation will take place in the National Association Liaison Committee, chaired by Bandana Purkayastha (VP for National Associations), which will consult widely and present proposals for discussion at the ISA Council of National Associations Conference in Pune, India, in December.
- Among the statements published in the weeks following the Forum, two are of particular significance.
 - Over 200 Israeli colleagues signed a statement denouncing crimes committed in Gaza and the West Bank, urging international pressure on the Israeli government, and calling for greater support for Palestinians. It should be noted that this statement has been endorsed by individual colleagues, and not by the Israeli Sociological Society, which has not yet taken a clear position condemning the dramatic situation in Gaza.

Players' Statement *continued...*

- The latest statement by the network [Global Sociologists for Palestine \(GS4P\)](#) has been endorsed by over 500 sociologists. It reasserts the responsibility to speak out “in a moment when entire communities are being annihilated in Palestine, and when universities, scholars, and civil society in Gaza are under direct and systematic attack”. It insists on the distinction between institutional and individual boycott. “Some have unfortunately mischaracterised this suspension as a silencing of critical voices within the Israeli academy. This is simply not the case.

At ISA, our priority remains to call for an end to the genocide and ethnic cleansing perpetrated by the state of Israel, and to provide solidarity and support to colleagues working under extremely difficult conditions in Palestine. We reaffirm the commitments of the [Solidarity Statement with the Palestinian People](#), adopted by the Executive Committee on 13 May 2025.

“The ISA calls for:

1. An end to the genocide in Gaza and the escalating violence in the West Bank, and a complete end to Israel’s military occupation and all colonial practices in these territories, as well as in Lebanon and Syria.
 2. An end to the apartheid-like conditions faced by Palestinians with Israeli citizenship; the establishment of conditions that enable the return of Palestinian refugees, including ensuring a viable and dignified life upon return; and the urgent, unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid—such as food, healthcare, and water—which is currently being obstructed by Israel’s government.
 3. The protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech for all people, especially faculty and students who research, teach, and speak out against the Israeli government’s violent practices, both within Israel and globally.”
- Solidarity must also translate into concrete actions and projects supporting Palestinian colleagues as teachers, students, and engaged sociologists.
 - We also express solidarity with colleagues affected by other armed conflicts, across the globe, notably in Ukraine and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and with those facing repression in many countries for practising sociology and speaking truth to power.”

Geoffrey Pleyers,
geoffrey.pleyers@uclouvain.be
ISA President 2023-2027

Rabat Reflections



Hi, I am Tiff! Professionally, I am a doctoral student and research social scientist at a standards and measurement science agency. Personally, I am doing the best I can mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. My doctoral journey has been more personal development than academic or career advancement. The pandemic marked the second pivotal inflection in my life that further dismantled unconscious perspectives and thought patterns. I began to identify my values. One of them is making the most out of life, especially through travel. I have learned that I enjoy travelling and attending conferences.

This year, I had the pleasure of moderating 3 sessions at the World Forum in Rabat. For context, I specialize in GIS. I thrive on technical challenges like building spatial models and tools. So, moderating a session titled “Women Practitioners in Emergencies” is not something I would inherently gravitate towards. However, it was where I needed to be. In an academic context, I had multiple “Aha!” moments as it relates to my own work. The theoretical framework section of my dissertation has been a struggle for me. These presentations helped me understand

how the framework drives the methodology. It made the phrase “theoretical lens” make sense to me.

This session also changed my perspective on sociology and gender studies. It felt like the moment you realized a food you have unconsciously disliked is actually delicious. You question your reason for not liking it previously. You question where did the thought originated from? A common thread throughout the presentations was the unseen labor women do in disaster response, recovery, and resilience. Women play an important part in addressing the familial and community unmet needs after a disaster. However, the way systems are built, their role is usually unrecognized and can reinforce gender norms. Recommendations given were centered around policies that benefitted women’s safety, health, and well-being, which then benefits everyone else. On the surface all of this sounds like typical good research. For me this was a moment of realizing and understanding the unrecognized role social sciences play in shaping society.

You may wonder, how does a research *social* scientist misunderstand this. For one, I was giving the title. Not much of a choice. But deeper than that, I believed the rhetoric surrounding condescending “soft” sciences. In a society that values studying things that are predictable and measurable, you are unconsciously forced into believing studying human behavior, societies, and cultures is not important. I was unconsciously striving to be a professional “hard” scientist. I reserved my love for people and studying people to my personal time. I made them separate, not understanding that they don’t need to be.

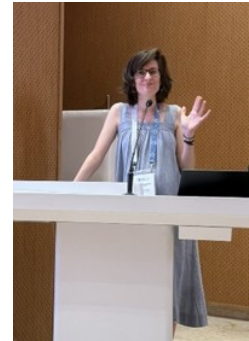
In another session, I learned about Third-Generation Museums. This research focused on the Tomioka Archive Museum and how a museum serves as a place for reconstructing and inheriting shared memories. A quote that stood out to me was the idea of a museum being “an apparatus by those in power.” This is something that I never intentionally thought of before. The museums I tend to visit and enjoy are those like The Smithsonian’s Air and Space Museum, The Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and the 921 Earthquake Museum of Taiwan. I used to take it at face value. Unfortunately, even science museums are at risk by those in power.

This trip was a great trip for me. There are many other reflections that I had on this trip that would make this piece too long. I will spare you □ I greatly appreciate the opportunity to moderate and be involved. Next, I plan to volunteer as a program coordinator, for the World Congress in South Korea. Thank you to those who challenged my perspectives. You came to Rabat to present your research, but instead you presented me with a lens through which to question my own thinking.

Tiffany Cousins, MUP

Rabat Gallery

The Rabat Gallery - Our amazing colleagues joined us from around the world!



DLSU Jubilee



Strengthening Local Action Through National Dialogue: DLSU Jubilee Marks a Milestone with 3rd PASCDR National Conference

As De La Salle University celebrates its 50th year as a university in the Philippines, a landmark event is set to highlight its enduring commitment to sustainability, innovation, and social responsibility. The Third National Conference of the Philippine Academic Society for Climate and Disaster Resilience (PASCDR) will take place under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Marlon Era, Vice President of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee on Sociology of Disasters (RC39), Associate Professor of the Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences and Chairperson of the Department of Innovation and Sustainability at DLSU.

Dr. Era serves as Conference Director of this year's gathering, which is organized in partnership with the University of the Philippines Resilience Institute (UPRI), a premier institution in the field of disaster risk reduction and resilience studies. His leadership brings a distinct national perspective rooted in local realities, embodying this year's theme: "Localizing Science-Based and Creative Innovations for Climate Change Action and Disaster Risk Reduction Through Partnership and Collaboration." This national conference stands as a vital platform where academics, DRR and CCA practitioners, NGOs, government agencies, and community leaders converge to explore actionable solutions to the increasing challenges of climate change and disaster risk. With a focus on multi-sectoral collaboration, the event emphasizes that real impact begins on the ground in communities, schools, and local institutions.

Dr. Era's dual role at DLSU and within the ISA RC39 underscores the importance of aligning global sociological insights with community-based resilience efforts, urging participants to bridge research and practice. His leadership ensures the conference will not only highlight innovative research and good practices, but also spark essential dialogues on empowering local actors and building stronger, science-informed partnerships.

This year's event is particularly significant as it aligns with DLSU's Jubilee Celebration, commemorating five decades of academic excellence and social engagement. Hosting this national dialogue on disaster resilience and climate action during its golden year underscores the University's enduring mission to be a catalyst for meaningful change.

We invite climate and disaster resilience experts, researchers, practitioners, and students to take part in this milestone conference. Now more than ever, engaging in global conversations and translating them into local actions is essential to building safer, more resilient communities.

Be part of the dialogue. Be part of the change.

Join us in celebrating DLSU's 50th year with a bold step toward a resilient and sustainable future.

Marlon de Luna Era

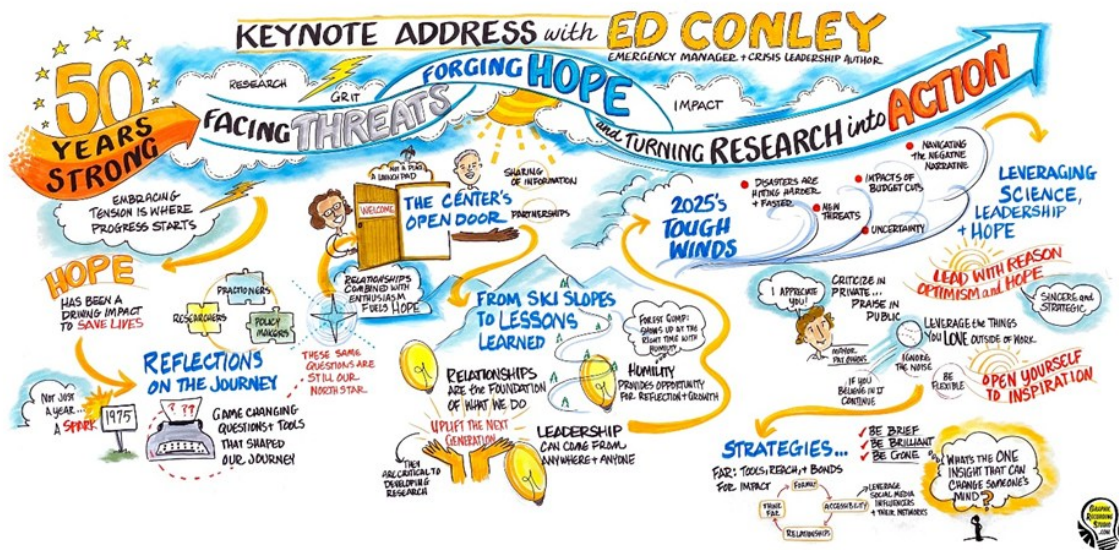
The Natural Hazard Workshop and Researchers Meeting



The Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder held the 50th anniversary of the Natural Hazard Workshop from July 13 – July 16, 2025, with the Researchers meeting following from July 16 – 17, 2025. You can explore the program, read abstracts, and get links to the award-winning papers at the following link: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2025>.

This year's theme was *"The Next 50 Years: Charting a Course for the Hazards and Disaster Field."* The keynote speaker, Ed Conley—Emergency Manager and Crisis Leadership Author—reflected on the progress made in research and emergency management over the past fifty years in the face of growing threats. Looking ahead, he emphasized the need to better connect research with practice by turning scientific insights into practical tools and shaping disaster policy.

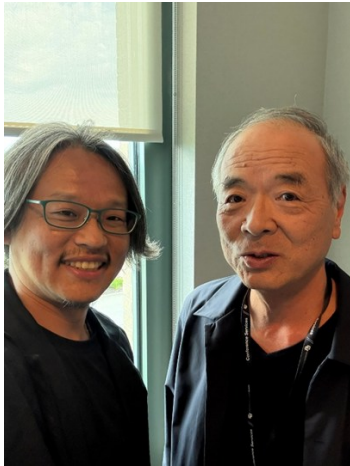
Conley also highlighted the role of the Natural Hazards Center as a "launch pad" for building connections between researchers and practitioners, helping to ensure that knowledge leads to meaningful action and impact. Conley concluded with a hopeful reminder: *"Together we'll face threats with hope, and turn research into action."*



Artist: Alece Birnbach of the [Graphic Recording Studio](#)

The Natural Hazards Workshop and Researchers Meeting

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Tristan Wu and Shigeo Tatsuki (Photo texted courtesy of Tristan Wu to make Michèle jealous that she was still in Rabat and not at the Researchers Meeting...)

In the Tuesday session, Shigeo Tatsuki (Doshisha University), Julia Becker (Massey University), Mahbuba Nasreen (University of Dhaka), Omer Cem Karacaoglu (University of Delaware), and Terry Cannon (Institute of Development Studies) shared their insights and lessons learned from disasters across various parts of the world, including Japan, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Turkey, and England.

The Researchers Meeting

The Researchers Meeting immediately follows the Natural Hazards Workshop each year. It is organized by the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Disasters (ISA-RC39), with support from the Natural Hazards Center and the Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) CONVERGE facility at the University of Colorado Boulder.

We are truly thankful to our past IRCD president, Lori Peek and Assistant Director of the Natural hazard Center, Jeniffer Tobin for their support. Tristan Wu, RC39 Secretary and Treasurer, also shared updates on RC39 activities and exciting information about upcoming 2027 World congress in Gwangju, Korea. Through the seven tracks of sessions and roundtables, we were energized by dynamic discussions, new perspectives, and inspiring breakthroughs. This meeting is always a wonderful chance to connect with scholars from around the world, and we look forward to seeing even more of you next year.



Jennifer Tobin and Lori Peek
(Photo courtesy of Rosie Lin)

Researchers Meeting

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Tristan Wu and Lori Peek (Photo courtesy of Van Zandt Visual)



Tiffany Cousins and Rosie Lin (Photo courtesy of Tristan Wu)

As the 2025 Researchers Meeting came to a close, we reflected on what an incredible journey it has been together. From insightful discussions to invaluable networking, this year's event left us inspired and energized. Key takeaways included recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary and international collaboration, addressing the challenges of risk communication, understanding the diverse needs of rural communities, and tackling the complexities of translating research into practice. We are truly grateful for this space that allows our community to connect, learn, and grow together.

You can find an overview of the 2025 Researchers Meeting here: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2025/researchers-meeting/welcome>

Researchers Meeting

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Photo courtesy of Rosie Lin

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Alyssa Provencio and Rodrigo Costa (pictured below) for their outstanding leadership as co-chairs of the IRCD Researchers Meeting. Over the past two years, their dedication has helped shape the meeting and inspire many in our community. As they step down, we are deeply grateful for their hard work and commitment. Let us celebrate their contributions and carry forward the work they have so passionately championed!

Highlights from 2025 Researchers Meetings

Welcome, Recognition, and Opening Remarks



Photo courtesy of Rosie Lin



(Photo courtesy of Van Zandt Visual)

Highlights from 225 Researchers Meeting

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Walt Peacock, Editor-in-Chief of IJMED, provided us with an update on the journal. We're excited to share that IJMED is now published by SAGE and is free to all ISA RC39 members. If you do not currently have access to the journal, please contact Tristan Wu, Secretary and Treasurer, for assistance.



The sessions offered fresh perspectives and inspired lively discussions on key disaster research topics.

Our roundtable sessions are sparking dynamic conversations across the field.



Photo courtesy of Rosie Lin

Highlights from 225 Researchers Meeting

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Photo courtesy of Rosie Lin

With gratitude for the insights shared and hope for the future, the 2025 Researchers Meeting came to a close.



Photo courtesy of Rosie Lin

We hope you can join us in 2026! For more information please see:

<https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/researchers-meeting>



Each year, the Natural Hazards Center is able to support some of the brightest, most promising people working in hazards and disaster research, policy, and practice to attend the [Natural Hazards Workshop](#). This is made possible through three competitive opportunities. Will 2026 be your year? **Learn more apply below!**

Mary Fran Myers Scholarship

Deadline: December 1, 2025

The Mary Fran Myers Scholarship recognizes people who share Myers's commitment to disaster research and practice and have the potential to make a lasting contribution to risk reduction. The winner will receive travel support to attend the Workshop and either the Researchers or Practitioners Meeting that follow. For the 2026 competition, **applicants must reside outside North America or the Caribbean.**

Disability and Disasters Award

Deadline: December 1, 2025

The Disability and Disasters Award supports people with disabilities working in disasters, as well as those who care for, study, or advocate on behalf of those with disabilities. Award funds will allow the recipient to attend the Natural Hazards Workshop and either the Researchers or Practitioners Meeting.

Student Paper Competition

Deadline: January 23, 2026

The annual Student Paper Competition is a way to recognize students focused on hazards and disaster research. One undergraduate and one graduate winner each will receive \$250, publication on the Natural Hazards Center website, and free registration for the Natural Hazards Workshop and Researchers Meeting.

Please visit our [Workshop Opportunities](#) page to learn more about ways to get involved and support your attendance to the Workshop. We'll be sending out more information about the Workshop soon, so please [update your email preferences](#) to make sure we have your accurate contact information. If you have any questions, please email us at hazards.workshop@colorado.edu.

Sincerely,
The Natural Hazards Center Team

Great News

Congratulations to our amazing colleagues!



Paola Cavaliere and Junko Otani have co-edited the *Handbook of Disaster Studies in Japan*, available from Amsterdam University Press. Please see the flyer further in the newsletter. We got to see an advanced copy in Rabat. It looks amazing! Congrats to all the contributors and to the editors for this incredible volume!

An addition round of congratulations to **Junko Otani** for having a wonderful review published of her edited volume *Reconstructing Resilient Communities after the Wenchuan Earthquake: Disaster Recovery in China*. The review was written by Dr. Qing Liu, School of Public Administration, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, which was published in *The China Quarterly*. You can read the review here: [Reconstructing Resilient Communities after the Wenchuan Earthquake: Disaster Recovery in China Edited by Junko Otani. Lanham, Boulder, New York and London: Lexington Books, 2023. 318 pp. £92.00 \(hbk\). ISBN 9781666937855 | The China Quarterly | Cambridge Core](#)

Steve Matthewman and colleagues (Luke Goode and Raven Cretney) were the guest editors of *Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online*, Volume 20, Issue 2 (2025). Their Special Issue is entitled: **Disastrous futures? Confronting the scale, urgency and complexity of our crises**. The volume can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tzsk20/20/2?nav=tocList>.

Congrats to **Michelle Meyer, Abdul-Akeem Sadiq, Henry Burton, and Jill Trepanier** for receiving funding for the 6th Round of the "Enabling the Next Generation of Hazard and Disaster Researchers". **They will be selected early career fellows for the 2-year mentorship program this winter.** They will have the website updated with Fellow application details within the next month. Please let colleagues, peers, and students know to be on the look-out for updates soon at: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/resources/nsf-enabling-program>.

Great News



Russell Dippy had a new publication! It's entitled "Professionalism: defining the Emergency Manager, Response Manager and Recovery Manager" and published in the *Australian Journal of Emergency Management*.

Abstract

Emergency management and the people who undertake the roles encompassed by this term are undergoing a process of professionalisation in Australia. To support the process of professionalisation, research has found that the term 'emergency

manager' is undefined, conflated and confused in its current use across literature, emergency event inquiry reports and when used to recruit, train and deploy staff. This paper proposes the separation of the undefined 'emergency manager' into 3 new roles of Emergency Manager, Response Manager and Recovery Manager. This paper proposes a definition for each defined role. Comparison of the new roles is provided to support the broad understanding and implementation of the terms and their roles. A series of actions to support the implementation into practice of the newly defined terms is proposed across academic and practitioner environments. The definitions underpin further outcomes from this current research to be presented in forthcoming papers.

You can find it here!

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/ajem-january-2025-professionalism-defining-the-emergency-manager-response-manager-and-recovery-manager/>

** Note from Michèle: This is super exciting, because this article and a previous one, PLUS one that is forthcoming, are coming out of a collaboration stemming from a presentation that DeMond Miller and Russell gave at the ISA World Congress in Melbourne in 2023. Val Ingham and I introduced the two when they submitted topically similar sessions abstracts. It is so exciting to see that conference connections can really bear fruit and result in amazing work! Thanks for sharing how this is moving forward Russell!*

Great News

Michèle Companion and **Jason D. Rivera** are proud to announce the forthcoming publication (October 2025) of their edited volume, *Indigenous Experiences With Collaborative Governance: Moving Toward Equitable Partnerships*.

Abstract

Governance processes often fail to integrate Indigenous perspectives or address issues such as sovereignty, self-determination, and decolonization, making successful policy outcomes difficult to achieve. It is vital for Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments to collaborate in producing sustainable, mutually beneficial outcomes. This volume highlights the importance of authentic Indigenous inclusion in governance processes at national and subnational levels worldwide. Through case studies and best-practice models, it examines the opportunities and barriers Indigenous Peoples face in collaborative governance. In doing so, it offers recommendations for practice and policy that promote social equity.

[Indigenous Experiences with Collaborative Governance: Moving Toward Equitable Partnerships | BERGHAHN BOOKS](#)

Call for Submissions:

1. Call for Submissions – MENAVEX (Volume I, Issue II – December 2025)

Deadline: 30 December 2025

The Middle East & North Africa Journal on Violence and Extremism (MENAVEX) is pleased to invite submissions for its upcoming issue (Volume I, Issue II), scheduled for publication in December 2025. Manuscripts may be submitted in Arabic, English, and French.

About MENAVEX: MENAVEX is a biannual, peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to advancing critical research and dialogue on violence, extremism, and their global ramifications. It provides a multi-disciplinary platform for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to share innovative insights and evidence-based analyses. MENAVEX is available in both print and electronic formats, ensuring wide accessibility and international reach. All manuscripts undergo a rigorous, double-blind peer-review process to ensure quality, originality, and relevance.

MENAVEX welcomes a broad range of scholarly contributions, including:

- Research Papers
- Fieldwork Notes
- Research Reports
- Book Reviews

Call for Submission *continued...*

Submission Guidelines

- Manuscripts must be submitted electronically to: secretariat@menavex.org
- Authors are requested to follow the Paper Submission Guidance available on the official MENAVEX website.
- Evaluation feedback will be provided within four weeks of submission.

For detailed information on submission requirements and editorial policies, please visit: www.menavex.org

Key Dates

- Submission Deadline: 30th December 2025
- Electronic Publication Date: 31st December 2025
- Paper Publication Date: 15th January 2026

We warmly encourage scholars, researchers, and experts from across the globe to contribute to this important issue. By publishing with MENAVEX, you will be joining a growing community dedicated to deepening understanding and shaping strategies against violence and extremism in today's complex world.

Michèle Companion, Series Editor for the Berghahn Books series *Indigenous Studies: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, is looking for manuscript submissions. You can find out about the series here: <https://www.berghahnbooks.com/series/indigenous-studies>

Brief series description:

Around the globe, Indigenous Peoples, organizations, and entities are actively engaged in the exercises of sovereignty, empowerment, and decolonization, as guided by their own unique cultures. However, historical and continued abuses of power, legacies of settler colonization, and other manifestations of structural violence have contributed to socially, culturally, politically, and economically inequitable circumstances, leading to silencing and gaps in the literature. This series will redress silencing by presenting positive examples of Indigenous empowerment through the work of Indigenous authors and their proponents in the academic and professional communities. This series will elevate Indigenous voices, perspectives, successes, and challenges encompassing a variety of topics, including climate change.

Formal submissions should be sent directly to Berghahn Books. For more information on Berghahn's manuscript submission procedure, please look at the [Info for Authors](#) section on this website. All submissions to this series, as well as any queries about the formal procedure, should be sent to [Berghahn](#).

Upcoming Conferences and events



Philippine Academic Society for Climate and Disaster Resilience
University of the Philippines Resilience Institute
De La Salle University

Register for...

The 3rd PASCDR National Conference

Localizing Science-Based and Creative Innovations for
Climate Change Action and Disaster Risk Reduction
Through Partnership and Collaboration

October 8-10, 2025
De La Salle University Manila

Scan QR to register and visit bit.ly/3rdpascdconference for more information.



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October 7 to 9, 2025

2025 Energy Efficiency as a Resource

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
Denver, Colorado

Cost and Registration: \$1,175, closes October 6.

October 10 to 12, 2025

Beyond the Rubble: Building Resilience Through Psychosocial Support

Department of Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management
Bengaluru, India (Hybrid)

Cost and Registration: \$147, closes October 9.

October 15, 2025

2025 Virginia Tornado and Straight-Line Wind Summit

Virginia Tornado and Straight-Line Wind Summit
Smithfield, Virginia

Cost and Registration: \$30, closes October 8.

Upcoming Conferences and events *continued...*

November 13 to 14, 2025

New Zealand's Disaster and Emergency Communications Conference 2025

Emergency Media and Public Affairs - Australasia's Disaster and Communications Hub of New Zealand
Wellington, New Zealand

Cost and Registration: \$1,497, closes November 12.

November 14 to 20, 2025

International Association of Emergency Managers 73rd Annual Conference

International Association of Emergency Managers

Louisville, Kentucky Cost and Registration: \$985 before October 10.

December 21 to 22, 2025

International Workshop on Multi-Disciplinary Resilience

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Hong Kong, China

Cost and Registration: \$450, closes November 15.

January 29 to 30, 2026

Society for Risk Analysis Australia New Zealand

Society for Risk Analysis

Christchurch, New Zealand

Cost and Registration: \$460 before November 24.

March 23 to 25, 2026

International Conference on Resilient Systems 2026

Delft University of Technology

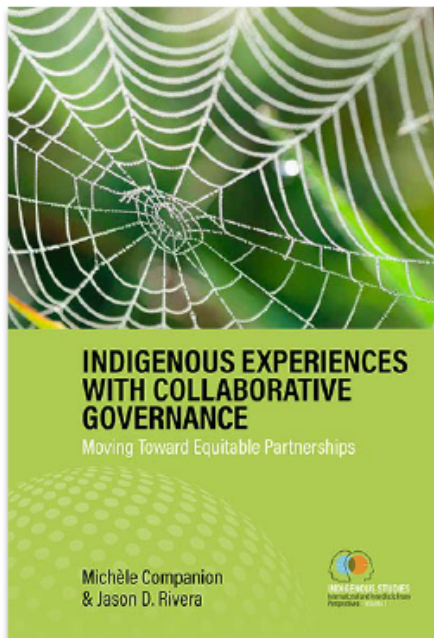
Delft, Netherlands

Cost and Registration: \$608 before October 15.

Indigenous Studies: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Series Editor: **Michèle Companion**, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs

Around the globe, Indigenous Peoples, organizations, and entities are actively engaged in the exercises of sovereignty, empowerment, and decolonization, as guided by their own unique cultures. However, historical and continued abuses of power, legacies of settler colonization, and other manifestations of structural violence have contributed to socially, culturally, politically, and economically inequitable circumstances, leading to silencing and gaps in the literature. This series will redress silencing by presenting positive examples of Indigenous empowerment through the work of Indigenous authors and their proponents in the academic and professional communities. This series will elevate Indigenous voices, perspectives, successes, and challenges encompassing a variety of topics, including climate change.



Volume 1, *Open Access* 

INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES WITH COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE

Moving Toward Equitable Partnerships

Michèle Companion and Jason D. Rivera [Eds.]

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