

Call for Papers

Workshop on Disaster Justice

When ethical decisions are made on a recurring basis, it becomes clear that such decisions should not be taken as a series of individual choices made under conditions of urgency or necessity, but as decisions that should be taken as a proper object for justice. Situations relevant for such an order obviously include concrete decisions of allocation and prioritization in case of resource scarcity or triage, but also principal questions of overall distribution and procedure within humanitarian aid and the exercise of “backward looking” institutional justice in the aftermath of disasters and social (in)justice.

To start addressing these vital issues, we invite you to participate in a workshop that will lead to a theoretically-rich, yet directly related, discussion as to how such considerations can be approached in practice.

The workshop will take place from 27-28 February 2014 in Copenhagen. It is organized in cooperation between the COST Action IS1201 on Disaster Bioethics (www.disasterbioethics.eu) and University of Copenhagen’s excellence program for interdisciplinary research project “Changing Disasters” (changingdisasters.ku.dk).

The aim of the workshop is to investigate the meanings of disaster justice and how it shapes the various issues and problems associated with preparing, responding and recovering from disaster in a coherent and ethical manner. The workshop will take place over two days, with four specialized sessions focusing on central areas/topics related to disaster justice:

Tentative program:

Day 1:

12.00-13.00 Registration and light lunch

13.00-13.15 Welcome

13.15-14.00 Professor Naomi Zack, "Applicative Justice and Disaster"

14.30-15.00 Discussion with keynote

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Session I: *Disasters and Social Justice: Victims, Vulnerabilities and Resilience*, chaired by Associate Professor Birgitte Refslund Sørensen, University of Copenhagen

19.00-21.00 Conference Dinner

Day 2

09.15-10.00 Professor Michael Otsuka, "Risking Life and Limb: How to Discount Harms by

their Improbability"

10.30-11.00 Discussion

11.00-12.30 Session II: *Disaster Justice and Humanitarian Action: Allocation of Aid, Attention and Engagement*, chaired by Professor Jónína Einarsdóttir, University of Iceland

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Session III: *Disasters and Distributive Justice: Clinical Care, Public Health and Disasters*, chaired by Dr. A.M. Viens, Ruhr-University Bochum

15.00-16.00 Coffee and closing remarks

The COST network covers travel expenses for up to ten members of COST Action IS1201. In accordance with the COST guidelines preference will be given to early-career researchers, contributing to the program.

Deadline for abstracts (300-500 words): November 1, 2013 at 12.00 CET. Please submit the abstract directly to the relevant track leader:

i) Disasters and Social Justice: Victims, Vulnerabilities and Resilience

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ii) Disaster Justice and Humanitarian Action: Allocation of Aid, Attention and Engagement

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iii) Disasters and Distributive Justice: Clinical Care, Public Health and Disasters

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