

**City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of Asian and International Studies
with effect from Semester A 2017/18**

Part I Course Overview

Course Title: Disaster Management, Development and Regional Governance in Asia

Course Code: AIS5337

Course Duration: 1 semester

Credit Units: 3

Level: P5

Medium of Instruction: English

Medium of Assessment: English

Prerequisites:
(Course Code and Title) None

Precursors:
(Course Code and Title) None

Equivalent Courses:
(Course Code and Title) None

Exclusive Courses:
(Course Code and Title) None

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

This course aims to expose students to critical and practical approaches to the management of both natural and man-made disasters. The concept of disasters refers here to armed conflicts, geophysical events or other crises (such as famines, epidemics or rapid-onset climatic events) with a direct impact on peoples' lives (e.g. excess mortality or morbidity, forced displacement), while disaster management encompasses preparedness, warning, relief, recovery and reconstruction. Students will be introduced to a range of approaches to disaster management, from development-oriented disaster preparedness and reconstruction on the one hand to emergency responses predicated on humanitarian principles on the other hand.

While the articulation of crisis response mechanisms and institutions across different levels (local, national, regional and global) is key to effective responses, the course emphasises disaster management from a regional perspective. In particular, disaster response in Asia and by Asian countries will be examined through the lens of regional governance arrangements. The impact of the choices and preferences of major donors on such regional arrangements will be discussed.

The course requires students to apply concepts and methods across a range of contexts and types of crises. In so doing, the course aims to provide students with a clear understanding of the dimensions of disasters, particularly in Asia, and the skills required to successfully interact with professional disaster management teams across a wide range of settings.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Understand the dimensions of disaster management, including preparedness, relief, recovery and reconstruction	20%	√	√	√
2.	Recognise and assess the relevance of various paradigms and approaches to disaster management. Engage with debates on these paradigms and approaches	20%	√	√	√
3.	Identify local, national, regional and global levels of response to disasters, focusing on crises in Asia and responses by Asian countries to disasters in the region and elsewhere	20%	√	√	√
4.	Evaluate preparedness plans and actual responses to specific hazards and conflict-related issues across a range of settings	20%	√	√	√
5.	Collaborate effectively with disaster management professionals across a range of settings and inter-organisational arrangements	20%	√	√	√
		100%			

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to self-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

TLA	Brief Description	CILO No.					Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4	5	
CILO No.	TLAs						
CILO 1-5	Lectures and guest lectures are meant to introduce key concepts and methods.	√	√	√	√	√	
CILO 1-5	Student presentations	√	√	√	√	√	
CILO 1-5	Case studies. Students will be assigned to teams and required to discuss and solve cases. The tasks will be completed within class time. Students will have to use all the resources, readings, theories, concepts, and other materials presented in the course. Students will have to submit individual reflective feedback and comments on the exercises.	√	√	√	√	√	
CILO 1-5	Extended simulation exercise. The exercise will extend over the largest part of class time throughout the semester. It will consist of several phases including group presentations on disaster preparedness, real time decisions in response to impending or unfolding disaster scenarios, debriefing and evaluation. Students will be assigned to teams and required to complete series of tasks. The tasks will be completed within class time. Students will have to use all the resources, readings, theories, concepts, and other materials presented in the course. Students will have to submit individual reflective feedback and comments on the exercises.	√	√	√	√	√	

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.						Weighting	Remarks
	1	2	3	4	5			
Continuous Assessment: 100%								
In-class participation	√	√	√	√	√		20%	
Performance in case studies	√	√	√	√	√		30%	
Performance in extended simulation exercise	√	√	√	√	√		50%	
Examination: 0% (duration: , if applicable)							100%	

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Participation in class: 20%	Frequency Relevance	Highly relevant, frequent comments and questions in class discussions	Interesting, frequent comments and questions in class discussions	Occasional relevant comments and questions in class discussions	Rare questions and/or comments of little relevance to class discussions	Absence of comments and questions in class discussions
2. Performance in case studies: 30%	Group presentations on cases: 15% Individual reflective comments on case studies: 15%	Excellent structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Highly relevant and insightful reflective comments on case studies	Good structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Good quality of reflective comments on case studies	Adequate structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Adequate reflective comments on case studies	Poor structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Few and/or marginally relevant reflective comments on case studies	Inadequate structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Inadequate reflective comments on case studies
3. Performance in simulation: 50%	Group presentations: 15% Individual reflective comments on simulation: 20% Performance in simulation (time management, anticipation, prioritisation, teamwork and communication): 15%	Excellent structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Highly relevant and insightful reflective comments on simulation. Excellent time management, anticipation, prioritisation, teamwork and communication	Good structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Good quality of reflective comments on Simulation. Good time management, anticipation, prioritisation, teamwork and communication	Adequate structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Adequate reflective comments on simulation Adequate time management, anticipation, prioritisation, teamwork and communication	Poor structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Few and/or marginally relevant reflective comments on simulation. Marginal time management, anticipation, prioritisation, teamwork and communication	Inadequate structure, content and delivery of the group presentations Inadequate reflective comments on simulation. Inadequate time management, anticipation, prioritisation, teamwork and communication

Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

(An indication of the key topics of the course.)

Disasters; disaster preparedness and response; disaster management; geophysical disasters; famines; epidemics; population displacements; recovery; humanitarian aid; global governance; regional governance; international organizations; United Nations.

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

Books

- Collins, Andrew (2009), *Disaster and Development*. London: Routledge.
- Rodriguez, Havidan, Enrico Quarantelli and Russell Dynes (eds) (2006) *Handbook of Disaster Research*. New York: Springer.
- Wallensteen, Peter and Anders Björner (eds) (2015) *Regional organizations and peacemaking : challengers to the UN?* Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon ; New York: Routledge.

Articles

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- Rajapaksa, Sushama & Dundes, Lauren (2006). 'Can Humanitarianism Instill Good Will? American Tsunami Aid and Sri Lankan Reactions'. *International Studies Perspectives* 7,3: 231-238
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- Redaelli, Silvia and Fink, Günther (2011) 'Determinants of International Emergency Aid—Humanitarian Need Only?' *World Development* 39, 5: 741–757
- Schwartz, Eric (2012). 'Saving Lives, Securing Interests: Reflections on Humanitarian Response and U.S. Foreign Policy'. *Public Administration Review* 72, 2: 173-174
- Shultz, James, Russell Jill and Espinel, Zelde (2005) 'Epidemiology of Tropical Cyclones: The Dynamics of Disaster, Disease, and Development' *Epidemiol Rev* 27, 1: 21-35
- Stephenson, Max (2007). 'Bridging the Organizational Divide: A Comparative Institutional Analysis of United States and International Humanitarian Service Delivery Structures' *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* 18, 3: 209-224
- Tong, Jaqui (2004). 'Questionable accountability: MSF and Sphere in 2003'. *Disasters*. 28, 2: 176-189
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- Walker, Peter (2005). 'Cracking the code: the genesis, use and future of the Code of Conduct'. *Disasters* 29, 4: 323–336
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- Whaites, Alan (2000) ' NGOs, disasters, and advocacy: caught between the Prophet and the Shepherd Boy' *Development in Practice* 10, 3-4: 506-516
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2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

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