

Special Issue

Natural Disasters and Climate Change

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent decades, climate change is widely understood as a primary influence on the severity and frequency of natural disasters. According to the World Food Program (WFP 2011), between 1980 and 2006, the number of climate-related disasters has quadrupled, and the number of people affected by climate-related disasters has exceeded three hundred million per year, mostly in poor countries. Through global warming, climate change is expected to have unprecedented repercussions on the natural setting of the earth, such as sea level rise, seabed landslides, and changes in rainfall regimes, leading to floods and droughts. While some wealthy countries are largely responsible for a substantial part of global climate change, poor countries and poor people are largely bearing the brunt of it since they have little capacity to cope with and recover from disasters. This Special Issue invites theoretical, empirical, and review papers from social science perspective that deal with, among other related issues, the critical intersection between climate change and natural disasters, disaster management and recovery, and global climate and disaster politics.

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