

Disasters evermore: Past, Present and Future Risk in an Uncertain World

MARCH 7, 2017 AT 15.00 – 18.00 | MAIN UNIVERSITY BUILDING AUDITORIUM



This symposium aims to raise awareness about global and local disaster risk, the challenges and potential solutions.

The world is changing at a seemingly ever increasing pace and many are worried about what the future holds in terms of disasters, death and despair. This symposium, “Disasters Evermore? Past, Present and Future Risk in an Uncertain World”, focuses on disaster risk in our past, present and future, providing both hope and concern in a mix of short presentations by researchers and a panel debate with high-level decision-makers on national and international levels.

The purpose of the event is to utilize Lund University’s 350-years Jubilee to raise the awareness of the general public, political leaders, and civil servants regarding changing global and local disaster risk, associated challenges, and potential solutions. The event is free and open to the public, but will require registration. [Link to registration](#)

Live-streaming

This event will be live-streamed on our Lund University Youtube channel and on our jubilee Facebook. Presentations will be made available at a later stage on our [Youtube channel](#).

During the day

This event takes place after the symposium “Towards a peaceful global order and gender justice in diplomacy” between 10:00-12:00. Please note that this event requires registration too! [Learn more about the morning symposium](#).

Lund University 350 years

This event is part of the science week ‘Is the world becoming a better place’, which takes place between 6-12 March. [See all our jubilee events](#) (in Swedish).

PROGRAMME

Welcome and Introduction

Professor Mo Hamza, Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety, Lund University

The changing national and international landscapes

The response of the International System, particularly the UN, to the changing risks – **Margareta Wahlström**, former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

The response of national systems to the changing risks at home and abroad – **Helena Lindberg**, Director General, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)

Security uncertainties in the world and where do we go from here? – **Professor Dan Smith**, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Academic evidence and current thinking

Risk to critical infrastructure and technical systems – **Professor Henrik Tehler**, Director, Lund University Centre for Critical Infrastructure Protection Research

Risk to human and societal systems – **Reader Johan Bergström**, Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety, Lund University

Risk to environmental, livelihoods and eco-systems – **Professor Emily Boyd**, Director, Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies

Panel Discussion

The speakers will engage in a panel discussion on how to bridge the gaps between theory and practice. The panel will field questions from the audience.

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