



Syllabus

Department	Sociology						Yea	ar	2021/2 022			
Course	Disasters and Inequalities					EC	TS	5				
Study programme	Soci	ology										
Level of study programme	□ Undergraduate			🛛 Graduate			\Box Integrated		Postgraduate			
Type of study programme	□ Single major⊠ Double major			🛛 University			Professional		□ Specialized			
Year of study	⊠ 1		□ 2		□ 3		□ 4			□ 5		
Semester	⊠ Winter □ Summer											
Status of the course	□ Compulsory			⊠ Elective		e	Elective course offered to students			Teaching Competencies		□ YES ⊠ NO
Workload	30	L	15	S		E	Internet so	sources for e-learning				□ YES ⊠ NO
Location and time of instruction	Obala Kralja Petra Krešimira IV/2, 203, 15-18					Language(s the cours) in which e is taught English			sh		
Course start date	15.10.2021. C						Cours	se end	date 28.01.2022.			
Enrolment requirements	Enrolment in graduate level programme											
Course coordinator	Dr K	arin D	oolan,	Asso	ciate P	rofess	sor				1	
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teaching	assig	lividua nments		and	ultime networ	k	Laboratory			entoring		□ Other
Learning outcomes				Upon completion of the course students will be able to: -understand basic concepts and theories in the sociology of disasters								





		-identify the main debates in the field -critically engage concepts such as justice, resilience and vulnerability for analysing the impact of disasters						
Learning outco Programme lev		Evaluation of different theoretical concepts and perspectives						
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Assessment	⊠ Class attendance	☑ Preparation for class	⊠ Homework	⊠ Continuous evaluation	Research			
criteria	Practical work	Experimental work	Presentation	Project	Seminar			
a 11.1	□ Test(s)	🗆 Written exam	🗆 Oral exam	\Box Other:				
Conditions for permission to take the exam	Attending classes							
Exam periods	🖂 Wi	nter	🗆 Summer	⊠ Aut	🛛 Autumn			
Exam dates	7.02., 21.0			2.09., 16.0				
Course description Course	Tierney (2019) has pointed out that disasters are a frequent occurrence across the globe: between 1996 and 2005, an estimated 1.5 million people were killed in disasters worldwide and many more were negatively affected by them both in terms of their health and material conditions. Globally, the most frequent disasters are floods and over the last year we have all witnessed the COVID-19 pandemic catastrophe. There are many different emphases in the study of disasters, however this course engages with a core sociological concern: how disasters intersect with and expose existing inequalities as well as create new ones along the lines of social class, gender, ethnicity, and age. More specifically, we will be examining, from a social and climate justice perspective, how disasters such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and pandemics do not affect everyone equally and how they often have the most detrimental effects for the poor, racial and ethnic minorities and the elderly.							
content	 Disaster research: from the margins to the mainstream Understanding vulnerability: the importance of intersectionality Disaster resilience Social justice and climate justice The political economy of disaster Social class and disaster Racial and ethnic inequalities in disaster settings Gendered aspects of disasters Older people, ageism and disasters Covid-19 and inequalities 							
Required reading	 13. Our future Chatzidakis, A. et al. (2020). <i>The Care Manifesto – The politics of interdependence</i>. London: Verso. 21.01.2022. Cox, R.S., Elah Perry, K.M. (2011). Like a fish out of water: reconsidering disaster recovery and the role of place and social capital in community disaster resilience. <i>American Journal of Community Psychology</i>, 48(3-4), 395-411. 5.11.2021. Czymara, C.S., Langenkamo, A., Cano, T. (2020). Cause for concerns: gender inequality in experiencing the COVID-19 lockdown in Germany. <i>European Societies</i>, 23: 568-581. 14.01.2022. Elliott, J.R., Pais, J. (2006). Race, class, and Hurricane Katrina: Social differences in human responses to disaster. <i>Social Science Research</i>, 35(2), 295-321. 3.12.2021. Fothergill, A., Peek, L.A. (2004). Poverty and Disasters in the United States: A review of Recent Sociological Findings. <i>Natural Hazards</i>, 32, 89-110. 26.11.2021. Neumayer, E., Plumper, T., Barthel, F. (2014). The Political Economy of Natural Disaster Damage. <i>Global Environmental Change</i>, 24: 8-19. 19.11.2021. 							

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	Ngo, E.B. (2001). When Disasters and Age Collide: Reviewing Vulnerability of the Elderly. <i>Natural Hazards Review</i> , 2(2). 17.12.2020.							
	Nix-Stevenson, D. (2013). Human Response to Natural Disasters. Sage Open, 3(3).							
	https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2158244013489684 29.10.2021. 29.10.2021.							
	Tierney, K. (2019). Disasters: A Sociological Approach. Cambridge: Polity Press. Chapter							
	5: Confronting Disaster Research Challenges. 22.10.2021.							
	Urry, J. (2016). What is the Future? Cambridge: Polity Press. 28.01.2022.							
	Verchick, R.R.M. (2012). Disaster Justice: The Geography of Human Capability. Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum, 23(1): 23-71. 12.11.2021.							
	Villarreal, M., Meyer, M.A. (2019). Women's experiences across disasters: a study of							
	two towns in Texas, United States. Disasters, 44(2): 285-306. 10.12.2021.							
Additional	Solnit, R. (2004). Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities. New York: Nation							
reading	Books.						1	
	Thomas, D.S.K., Phillips, B., Lovekamp, W.E., Fothergill, A. (2013). Social Vulnerability to Disasters. Boca Raton: CRC Press.							inerability
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	🛛 Final written	ovam	🗆 Final oral exam		Final written and oral exam		Practical work and	
Assessment criteria of		exaili					final exam	
learning								
outcomes	□ Only	□ Test/hon			Seminar paper	⊠ Practi	othor	
	test/homework	Test/homework and final exam		Seminar paper	and final work		torms	
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Calculation of final grade	e.g. 50% test, 50% final exam							
Grading scale	50	% Failure (1)						
	60 % Satisfactory (2)							
	70	% Good	(2)					
	80	% Very g	<u> </u>					
	90	% Excel	(2)					
Course	⊠ Student evaluations conducted by the University							
evaluation procedures	 Student evaluations conducted by the Department Internal evaluation of teaching Department meetings discussing quality of teaching and results of student 							
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	\Box Other							
Note /Other	In accordance with Art. 6 of the <i>Code of Ethics</i> of the Committee for Ethics in Science							
	and Higher Education, "the student is expected to fulfil his/her obligations honestly							
	and ethically, to pursue academic excellence, to be civilized, respectful and free from							
	prejudice." According to Art. 14 of the University of Zadar's <i>Code of Ethics</i> , students are expected to							
	"fulfil their responsibilities responsibly and conscientiously. [] Students are							
	obligated to safeguard the reputation and dignity of all members of the university							
	community and the University of Zadar as a whole, to promote moral and academic							
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	Any act constituting a violation of academic honesty is ethically prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:							
	- various forms of fraud such as the use or possession of books, notes, data, electronic gadgets or other aids during examinations, except when permitted;							
	-various forms of forgery such as the use or possession of unauthorised materials during the exam; impersonation and attendance at exams on behalf of other students;							
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the possibility of compensation or repair. In case of serious violations the Rulebook on Disciplinary Responsibility of Students at the University of Zadar will be applied.
In electronic communications only messages coming from known addresses with a first and a last name, and which are written in the Croatian standard and appropriate academic style, will be responded to.
This course uses the Merlin system for e-learning, so students are required to have an AAI account.