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8.45 - 9.00
Registration
9.00 - 9.10
Welcome address

Morning session: Disaster-induced displacement
Chair: Giandonato Caggiano, Roma Tre University

Clarifying the legal framework
9.10 - 9.30
  Complementary protection in situations of cross-border disaster-related displacement
  Matthew Scott (Lund University)

9.30 - 9.50
  Disaster-induced displacement: is there a need for a special category of protection?
  Dug Cubie (University College Cork)

9.50 - 10.10
  Temporary protection arrangements for disaster-induced displaced persons:
  international, regional and national approaches
  Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani (Uninettuno University)

10.10 - 10.30
  The EU and Environmental Migration: Strategies of Containment, Self-interest and Securitisation
  Violeta Moreno-Lax (Queen Mary University of London)

10.30 - 11.10
  Discussion

Perspectives from the field
11.30-11.50
  Alice Sironi (International Organization for Migration)

11.50 - 12.10
  Justin Ginnetti (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre - Norwegian Refugee Council)

12.10 - 12.30
  Discussion

12.30 - 12.50
  Key-note Speech: Towards a Protection Agenda for people displaced by disasters across borders
  Walter Kälin (Senior advisor on IDPs to the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, University of Bern)
  Video-connected from Washington D.C.

12.50 - 13.10
  Q & A

13.10 - 14.00
  Lunch break

Afternoon session: Before disaster strikes.
Approaching calamities from a Human Rights perspective
Chair: Marco Gestri, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

14.00 - 14.20
  A legal definition of disaster and its impact for the protection of persons
  Giulio Bartolini (Roma Tre University)

14.20 - 14.40
  Is there a human right to international humanitarian assistance?
  Marlies Hesselman (University of Groningen)

14.40 - 15.00
  R.I.P. R2P: On the controversial ‘Responsibility to protect’ doctrine and why it adds no value to disasters
  Karen Da Costa (University College London)

15.00 - 15.20
  Discussion

15.20 - 15.40
  Coffee Break

15.40 - 16.00
  The right to a healthy environment: delineating the content (and contours) of a slippery notion
  Giovanna Adinolfi (University of Milan)

16.00 - 16.20
  The protection of migrants in times of disaster
  Alice Sironi (International Organization for Migration)

16.20 - 16.40
  Non-state actors and human rights in disaster scenarios: compliance, accountability and standard setting
  Tommaso Natoli (Roma Tre University)

16.40-17.00
  Discussion
  End of day one

Friday 4 March  Sala dei Mosaici

Morning session: Human Rights issues in disaster settings
Chair: Andrea de Guttry, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna

9.30 - 9.50
  Limiting and suspending human rights in time of disaster
  Emanuele Sommario (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna)

9.50 – 10.10
  The right to know: the role of transparency, access to information and freedom of expression in overcoming disasters
  Alice Riccardi (Uninettuno University)

10.10 – 10.30
  Indigenous Communities: from victims to actors of disaster management
  Kristin Hausler (British Institute of International and Comparative Law)

10.30 – 10.50
  Discussion

10.50 – 11.10
  Break

Chair: Gabriella Venturini, University of Milan

11.10 – 11.30
  The human rights approach in the works of the International Law Commission on the protection of persons in the event of disasters
  Ronan McDermott (University College Dublin)

11.30 – 11.50
  Integrating human rights in disaster management
  Annalisa Creta (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna)

11.50 – 12.10
  Addressing discrimination in disasters scenarios: an international law perspective
  Federico Casolari (University of Bologna)

12.10 – 12.30
  Assistance to disaster victims in an armed conflict: the role of international humanitarian law
  Sarah Williams (University of New South Wales)

12.30 – 13.00
  Discussion
  Final remarks
  End of the conference