

Global Disasters and World Society: the Ecological Dimension of the Modern World-System Crisis

March 25 to 27, 2024

University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Florianópolis, Brazil + Zoom

UTC/GMT -3 hours (Brasília Time)

March 25

- 2:00 PM **Opening Plenary: Global Disasters and World Society**
Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)
Presider: *Pedro Antônio Vieira, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*
Presenter: Christopher Chase-Dunn, University of California-Riverside, and Disaster and Resilience Network, USA
“Evolution and Disasters: Global and Local Hazards and Disasters in Biological and Socio-Cultural Evolution and Ways Forward in the Current Crises”
- 3:45 PM **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 PM **Panel with invited specialists: Hazards, Disasters and Brazilian Responses; Global Pandemics and Disaster Justice**
Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)
Presider: *Fábio Pádua dos Santos, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*
Presenters:
Regina Rodrigues, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, and associate editor of the Nature Communications Earth Environment
Nayra Paye Kaxuyana. Geographer from UnB and International Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, Brazil
Luciano Paez, Municipal Secretary of Climate of Niterói-Rio de Janeiro City Hall, Brazil
Inamara Mélo, General Coordinator of Adaptation to Climate Change at the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, Brazil
- 6:00 PM **Reception**

March 26

- 10:00 **Panel Discussion: Imperialism, Wars and Global Disasters**
Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)
Presider: *Helton Ricardo Ouriques, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*
Presenters:

Carlos Eduardo Martins, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Gabriel Merino, Universidad de La Plata, Argentina
Denise Lobato Gentil, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

12:00 **Lunchtime**

2:00 PM **Paper Session 1: Historical Disaster Studies**

Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)

President: *Janete Josina de Abreu, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*

Presenters:

Andrey Korotayev, HSE University and Eurasian Center for Big History & System Forecasting, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

“6th century CE global climatic disaster, origins of Islam, and its world-systems consequences”

Daniel de Pinho Barreiros, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“Pandemic, complexity and world systems: a study on the Antonine Plague (165-180 CE)”

Daniel Ribera Vainfas, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“Climate in 14th Century England, catastrophic change, social strategies and the origins of capitalism”

Roberto J. Ortiz, California State University, Long Beach, USA

“The Rise and Ongoing Demise of Fossil-Fueled Development: Late Capitalism and State Socialism in World-Ecological Perspective”

Fred Spier, University of Amsterdam, Holand

“How did humanity get itself into its current ecological predicament?”

4:00 PM **Coffee Break**

4:15 PM **Paper Session 2: Nature of the Current Crisis and Strategies**

Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)

President: *Paola Huwe de Paoli, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*

Presenters:

Júlia Eduarda Gouveia Rabelo de Abreu, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, and

Bruno Andrade Teixeira, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil

“Neo-extractivism in the Capitalist World-Economy: The Disaster of the Dam Collapse in Mariana (MG-Brazil) and its Political and Social Oppositions”

Leonid E. Grinin, HSE University, Moscow, Russia, and

Anton Grinin, The Eurasian Center for Big History & System Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

“Deepening world system crisis, reconfiguration of the world system and their possible influence on destabilization and ecological degradation”

Toufic Saredine, Nagoya University, Japan

“The Less-Smoking Gun? A World-Systems Analysis of Carbon Intensity in the Belt and Road Initiative”

Abel A. Alves, Ball State University, USA

"Beyond the Anthropocene? Living with Today's Troubles and All Animal Survivors"

Giacomo Otávio Tixiliski, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil

"Shamanic Thinking in the Capitalocene: an Attempt to Build Alliances at the End of the World"

6:15 PM **Reception**

March 27

6:00 AM **Panel Discussion: Disasters in Southern Africa: Learning lessons for transformation**
Location: Johannesburg Hub – [Johannesburg Zoom link](#)

Ferial Adam, Climate justice activist in South Africa and a water activist, South Africa
"Activist Citizen Science – a response to South Africa's water disaster!"

Fredson Guilengue, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
"Cyclone Idai, its impacts and responses in Mozambique"

Patrick Bond, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
"Disaster management through the imperial/sub-imperial lens"

Vishwas Satgar, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
"Facing the Heat in South Africa: A Photographic Essay on Climate Shocks"

2:00 PM **Paper Session 3: What Is to be done now?**
Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)

Presider: *Júlia Gouveia, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*

Presenters:

William K. Carroll, University of Victoria, Canada
"From Fossil Capitalism to a Liveable World: Critique and Alternatives"

David Schwartzman, Howard University, USA
"An Ecosocialist Strategy for Climate Security"

Fathun Karib, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
"The Management Questions: From Disaster Management to Planetary Management"

Glen David Kuecker, DePauw University, USA
"Resisting Capitalist Reproduction in the Liminal State?"

Leslie Sklair, London School of Economics, England
"The transition to socialism: community by community"

Paola Huwe de Paoli, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil
"The Anthropocene in Global Climate Governance: An Analysis of Mitigation Strategies for the Climate Emergency"

4:00 PM **Coffee Break**

4:15 PM **Closing Plenary: Disasters and Progress**

Location: Socio-Economic Center Auditorium (CSE/UFSC) – [Florianópolis Zoom Link](#)

Presider: *Pedro Antônio Vieira, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil*

Presenter: *Jason W. Moore, Binghamton University, USA*

“Preachers to Empty Pews? Marx, Wallerstein and the Worldwide Class Struggle in the Web of Life”

6:00 PM **Happy Hour**

Presented by:

Research Group on Political Economy of World-Systems, Brazil

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