

Transformative Disaster Risk Governance

Webinar Series: Humanitarianism

Guest Speaker

*Dr. Hugo Slim is Head of Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. Before joining ICRC in 2015, he was Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC) at the University of Oxford where he led research on humanitarian ethics and the protection of civilians. Hugo has combined a career between academia and practice. He was Chief Scholar at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue from 2003 to 2007 and Reader in International Humanitarianism at Oxford Brookes University from 1994–2003. Between 1983 and 1994, Hugo worked for Save the Children and the United Nations in Morocco, Sudan, Ethiopia, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Bangladesh. He received his PhD in humanitarian ethics from Oxford Brookes University in 2002. His most recent books are *Humanitarian Ethics: A Guide to the Morality of Aid in War and Disaster* (2015 Hurst/OUP) and *Killing Civilians: Method, Madness and Morality in War* (2007 Hurst/OUP).*



York Panel

*Dr. Nergis Canefe (PhD, SJD) is a scholar trained in the fields of Political Philosophy, Forced Migration Studies and International Public Law with a special focus on human rights violations, forced migration and state criminality. She has over twenty years of experience in carrying out in-depth qualitative research with displaced communities and teaching human rights in war-torn societies globally. Canefe joined York University in 2003 as a full-time faculty member at the departments of Politics, Public Policy and Law, and she also teaches at the graduate programs of Socio-Legal Studies and Social and Political Thought. Prior to her return to Canada, she worked at London School of Economics, UK and Bilgi University and Bogazici University, Turkey as a faculty member, and since taught in several other universities in visiting capacity including Shanghai University, China. Canefe published widely and acts as an expert witness and public lecturer on subjects related to human rights violations, forced migration, diasporas in exile, minority rights and genocide in international and Canadian media, courts, and public service. She has over 100 articles and six books, including *Limits of Universal Jurisdiction in the Global South: A Critical Analysis of Crimes Against Humanity* (forthcoming, University of Wales Press, International Law Series), *Transitional Justice and Forced Migration* (edited volume, Cambridge University Press), and *The Jewish Diaspora as a Paradigm: Politics, Religion and Belonging* (edited volume, 2014, Libra Press – Jewish Studies Series). Her scholarly articles appeared in *Nations and Nationalism*, *Citizenship Studies*, *New Perspectives*, *Refugee Watch*, *Refuge*, *South East European Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Peace Review*, *Middle Eastern Law and Governance*, and, *Narrative Politics* as well as in several edited book volumes. She is also a visual artist and holds regular exhibitions.*



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Dr. Peter Timmerman is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change at York University in Toronto. He has been working on environmental issues for many years, including early publications on climate change (beginning in the 1980s), emergency and risk research, nuclear power, and the environmental impacts of war (especially a report on the first Gulf War), much of this while at the Institute for Environmental Studies at U. of T. He was co-chair of the Canadian NGO Earth Charter process for the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, a founder of the Canadian Coalition for Ecology, Ethics, and Religion (CCEER) and a member of the Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology (CFORE). He now works primarily on ecological economics, environmental philosophy and ethics, including religion and ecology; and has a special continuing research focus on Buddhism and environmental activism in South and Southeast Asia. He recently co-edited "Ecological Economics for the Anthropocene", a volume of papers on the ethical foundations of new economics.



Webinar Organizer and Session Chair

Prof. David Etkin is a Professor of Disaster and Emergency Management at York University. He has contributed to several national and international natural hazard projects including the 2nd U.S. national assessment of natural hazards, the IPCC, was Principal Investigator of the Canadian National Assessment of Natural Hazards and is Past President of the Canadian Risk and Hazards Network. His main areas of research are disaster risk assessment and emergency management ethics. He has over 80 publications including a textbook on disaster theory and one on emergency management ethics.



Agenda

9:30	David Etkin	Introduction
9:35	Hugo Slim	Humanitarian ethics: moral purpose and moral hazard
10:10	Q&A	
10:30	York Panel	Panel Comments
10:45	Q&A with panel	
11:00	David Etkin	Closing remarks

Date/Time and Location

March 31, 2021
9:30 am-11:00 am EDT
Online

Registration

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