



## Syllabus

Department	Sociology							Yea	Year		2023/ 2024		
Course	Disasters and Inequalities							EC	TS	5			
Study programme	Sociology												
Level of study programme		ergradı		🛛 Graduate			□ Integrated			🗆 Postgraduate			
Type of study programme	□ Single major ⊠ Double major			🛛 University			Professional			□ Specialized			
Year of study	⊠ 1			□ 2			□ 3		-	· · · · ·		5	
Semester	⊠ Winter □ Summer												
Status of the course	□ Compulsory			⊠ Elective		е	⊠ Elective course offered to students from other departments			Teaching Competencies		□ YES ⊠ NO	
Workload	30	L	15	S		Е	Internet s	ource	s for o	s for e-learning $\square$ YE			
Location and time of instruction	004, 12-14.30					Language(s the cours							
Course start date	12.10.2023.					<b>Course end date</b> 25.01.2024.							
Enrolment requirements	Enrolment in graduate level programme												
Course coordinator	Dr Karin Doolan, Full Professor												
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Mode of teaching	⊠ Lectures			Seminars and workshops		Exercises		□ E-learning		g	□ Field work		
	assig	dividua nments	ents and network					□ Other					
Learning outcomes				Upon completion of the course students will be able to: -understand basic concepts and theories in the sociology of disasters -critically engage concepts such as justice, resilience and vulnerability for analysing the impact of disasters -critically evaluate media reporting on disasters									
Learning outcomes at the Programme level				<ul> <li>identify and describe complex social phenomena</li> <li>differentiate and compare sociological theories</li> <li>critically evaluate social phenomena and form an opinion on them</li> <li>evaluate relevant literature</li> <li>summarize and interpret relevant literature</li> </ul>									



		experiences	sights with previousl g and note-taking	y acquired knowle	dge and		
Assessment	⊠ Class attendance	☑ Preparation for class	⊠ Homework	⊠ Continuous evaluation	□ Researc h		
Assessment criteria	Practical work	□ Experimental work	Presentation	🗆 Project	□ Semina r		
	□ Test(s)	🗆 Written exam	🗆 Oral exam	□ Other:			
Conditions for permission to take the exam	Attending classes						
Exam periods	⊠ Wi	nter	🗆 Summer	🖂 Autumn			
Exam dates	8.02., 22.	02.2024.		5.09., 19	.09.2024.		
description	killed in disasters and many more are negatively affected by them 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. Such findings will be situated in broader discussions about how political and economic contexts create risks and strengthen injustices.						
content	<ol> <li>Disaster research: from the margins to the mainstream 19.10.2023.</li> <li>Understanding vulnerability: the importance of intersectionality 26.10.2023.</li> <li>Disaster resilience 2.11.2022.</li> <li>Social justice and climate justice 9.11.2023.</li> <li>The political economy of disasters 16.11.2023.</li> <li>The political economy of disasters 16.11.2023.</li> <li>Social class and disaster 23.11.2023.</li> <li>Racial and ethnic inequalities in disaster settings 30.11.2023.</li> <li>Gendered aspects of disasters 7.12.2023.</li> <li>Older people, ageism and disasters 14.12.2023.</li> <li>Covid-19 and inequalities 21.12.2023.</li> <li>Media reporting on disasters 11.01.2024.</li> <li>On care 18.01.2024.</li> <li>Our future 25.01.2024.</li> </ol>						
Required reading	Adams, V., Van Hattum, T., English, D. (2009). Chronic disaster syndrome: Displacement, disaster capitalism, and the eviction of the poor from New Orleans. <i>American Ethnologist</i> , 36(4), 615–636. 6 Antunes, M.C., da Silva Pereira, S., Zezere, J.L., Oliveira, A.M. (2022). Disaster Journalism in Print Media: Analysis of the Top 10 Hydrogeomorphological Disaster Events in Portugal, 1865–2015. <i>International Journal of Disaster Risk Science</i> , 13, 521–535. <u>https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13753-022-00425-2</u> 12 Blundell, R., Costa Dias, M., Joyce, R., Xu, X. (2020). COVID-19 and Inequalities. <i>Fiscal Studies</i> , 41(2), 291–319. <u>https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1475- 5890.12232</u> 11 Chatzidakis, A. et al. (2020). <i>The Care Manifesto – The politics of interdependence</i> . London: Verso. 13						



Additional	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. 4 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. 8 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. 7 Goldsmith, L., Raditz, V., Mendez, M. (2021). Queer and present danger: understanding the disparate impacts of disasters on LGBTQ+ communities. <i>Disasters</i> , 46(4), 946-973. 9 Ngo, E.B. (2001). When Disasters and Age Collide: Reviewing Vulnerability of the Elderly. <i>Natural Hazards Review</i> , 2(2). 10 Nix-Stevenson, D. (2013). Human Response to Natural Disasters. <i>Sage Open</i> , 3(3). https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2158244013489684 29.10.2021. 3 Schneider-Mayerson, M. (2017). Climate Change Fiction. In: Rachel Greenwald Smith (ed.) <i>American Literature in Transition</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 14 Tierney, K. (2019). <i>Disasters: A Sociological Approach</i> . Cambridge: Polity Press. Chapter 5: Confronting Disaster Research Challenges. 2 Verchick, R.R.M. (2012). Disaster Justice: The Geography of Human Capability. <i>Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum</i> , 23(1): 23-71. 5						silience. ences in eview of tanding 46-973. y of the en, 3(3). d Smith . 14 Chapter ty. Duke			
Additional		Hope in th	ie Dark:	Untold Histories, Wi	ld Possibiliti	es. Nev	v York	: Nation		
reading	Books. Thomas, D.S.K., Phillips, B., Lovekamp, W.E., Fothergill, A. (2013). Social Vulnerability to Disasters. Boca Raton: CRC Press. Tierney, K.J. (2007). From the Margins to the Mainstream? Disaster Research at the									
	Crossroads. Annual Review of Sociology, 33, 503–525.									
Internet				prary.wiley.com/jou	rnal/14677	<u>717</u>				
sources	Journal Natural H	azards: <u>h</u>	ttps://w	ww.springer.com/j	ournal/1106	<u>69</u>				
	Final exam only									
Assessment criteria of	⊠ Final written	exam		Final oral exam	□ Final written and oral exam		<ul> <li>Practical work and final exam</li> </ul>			
learning outcomes	□ Only test/homework	□ Test/homework and final exam		□ Seminar paper	□ Seminar paper and final exam	Pract	⊠ □ ractical other work forms			
Calculation of final grade	20% written seminar reflections, 80% final exam									
	60-69%	% Satisf		2)						
	70-79%		% Good (3)							
	80-89% % Very good (4)									
	90%+	% Excell	(2)	.1						
Course evaluation procedures	<ul> <li>Student evaluations conducted by the University</li> <li>Student evaluations conducted by the Department</li> <li>Internal evaluation of teaching</li> <li>Department meetings discussing quality of teaching and results of student evaluations</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>									
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									



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-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; fraudulent study documents; forgery of signatures and grades; falsifying exam results."
All forms of unethical behaviour will result in a negative grade in the course without the possibility of compensation or repair. In case of serious violations the <i>Rulebook on</i> <i>Disciplinary Responsibility of Students at the University of Zadar</i> 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.