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# HAZARD, RISK AND DISASTER REDUCTION: STATE OF THE ART

This talk will review the current state and developing trends in disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness. It will do so using models of the institutions and processes involved. With regard to both natural and anthropogenic hazards, particular attention will be devoted to the relationship between science and society. In a world characterised by rapid change, disaster preparedness must adapt rapidly and effectively to global and local tendencies.

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