

## [‘Mobile Cultures of Disaster’ Conference -- 22-24 March 2017](#)

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**‘Mobile Cultures of Disaster’ Conference**

**22-24 March 2017**

**University of South Australia**

**Adelaide, Australia**

According to a growing body of literature, the dangers and hazards that people around the world face in the 21st century are in many ways unparalleled. In order to confront these problems, there is a growing recognition that disasters and other social disruptions are cultural matters. This has stimulated research across the Asia-Pacific on the cultural determinants and consequences of disasters. However, the extent to which these concepts differ or intersect between various social contexts has remained less well-explored. Additionally, there is a need to further investigate how disasters cultures are mobile, in that culture is a phenomenon that circulates, as acutely evident in the rise of social media.

The aim of the conference is to bring together prominent academics, specialists and policy analysts across the world to investigate the cultural and mobile aspects of disasters. The conference principally seeks to stimulate research on how disasters are mobile and cultural phenomena. It asks participants to consider how disasters circulate around various parts of the world. This refers to the ways in which disasters involve movement and cultural exchange in terms of how they are managed, experienced and socially constructed.

We invite the submission of abstracts that bear upon at least one of the following research questions:

- How can some disasters, such as the 3.11 triple disaster in Japan, be conceptualized as ‘mobile’ social breakdowns?
- What are some of the methodological challenges related to studying ‘disasters’ on the move?
- How do global transformations in mobility (from mass travel to social media) impact upon disaster management/recovery and cultural understandings of disasters?
- In what ways do disasters involve cultural inter-change?

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- What role do ICTs and other communicative technologies play in the experience and management of disasters?
- What forms of 'mobility' and/or 'immobility' can be linked to disasters?

Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be sent to Dr Eric L. Hsu ([eric.hsu@unisa.edu.au](mailto:eric.hsu@unisa.edu.au)) by the 17th of October 2016. You will be notified of acceptance no later than the 15th of November 2016.

The conference has received generous funding from the Japan Foundation and is also supported by Hawke Research Institute at the University of South Australia, the School of Sociology at Kwansai Gakuin University, and the College of Sociology at Rikkyo University. Due to this support, there are no registration fees for the 'Mobile Cultures of Disaster' Conference.

Further information about the conference can be found at <http://www.unisa.edu.au/disastersconference2017>

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