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[VIRTUAL EVENT: UCL IRDR 10th Annual Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic – A Global Perspective](#)

The UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction welcomes researchers, students, practitioners, policymakers, the media and the general public to a day of thought-provoking discussions on how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting vulnerable groups (women, minorities, refugees, migrants) and communities, using regional/country case studies, and the necessary changes to emergency management policies and strategies to better manage the current crisis and better prepare for the next. Our in-house and guest experts will present a global perspective on the latest research and analysis through talks, interactive discussions and in conversation. The conference programme includes:

- Panel discussion on Global Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Keynote speech by Marc Gordon from the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP in conversation with award-winning journalist Christopher Gunness
- Panel discussion on the Health of Refugees, Migrants and Minorities organised by Lancet Migration and UCL Institute for Global Health
- IRDR PhD and MRes research showcase

EVENT: UCL IRDR 10th Annual Conference:
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DATE: Wednesday, 15th July 2020, 10:00 am–6:00 pm BST

VENUE: VIRTUAL EVENT
(Conference digital platform login details will be sent to registrants)

INTERVIEW: The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Professor David Alexander, Marc Gordon (UNDRR), Prof Imtiaz Ahmed (Dhaka University), Prof Peter Sammonds (UCL), Dr Hui Zhang (China), Professor Raj Bhopal (Edinburgh University), and Professor Bernadette Kumar (Lancet).

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