

IRDR0006 Module Summary
IRDR0006 Conflict, Humanitarianism, and Disaster Risk Reduction
Transcript of the video

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Hello. My name is Ilan and I am here at Modules Anonymous to confess that I, too, coordinate an IRDR module. I am appointed 50% at IRDR, here, the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction and 50% at IGH, the UCL Institute for Global Health. The idea of cross-appointing me is to bring together the topics of disasters and health. In my Institute for Global Health, I coordinate the module 'Climate Change and Health'.

Here at IRDR, the module which I coordinate is 'Conflict, Humanitarianism, and Disaster Risk Reduction' with module code IRDR0006. The module has a purpose of exploring disasters and disaster response from a disaster risk reduction perspective. As per the health ethos that prevention is better than cure. Which is why we never do it.

There are no prerequisites or expected background or skills for this module. It runs during term 2, so January to March. The module's speakers are internal and external to UCL and the topics are currently planned to be media constructions, disaster diplomacy, gender, humanitarian settlement and shelter, education, mental health, and ethics, although none can be guaranteed. I can guarantee that each session is set up to support skills in critical thinking and interpretation.

The module has two assessments. A written assessment which is a short blog. It must include and use appropriately one image, with the topic being a disaster risk reduction framing of a conflict and humanitarianism topic. This blog is 50% of your mark.

The other 50% is an oral assessment in class. You select one question on the module topics and provide a three-minute high-level policy briefing without any visual aids, in front of the class. Then, I role-play as a senior official or politician and I quiz you for three minutes. This is my revenge—no of course I would never do that. Your mark comes from your presentation and your responses to me.

Please contact me with any questions and enjoy your time at IRDR. Thank you!