

# Transformative Disaster Risk Governance

## Webinar Series: Humanitarianism

### Guest Speaker

*Dr. Hugo Slim is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC) at the Blavatnik School of Government. Between 2015 and 2020, he was Head of Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva, where he led humanitarian*



*policymaking and diplomacy on protracted conflict, migration, internal displacement, urban warfare, new weapons and climate and conflict. He also coordinated the ICRC's delegation to the United Nations in New York. Before joining the Blavatnik School, Hugo held positions at the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes University, and visiting positions at the University of Oregon and the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He has held operational and policy positions with Save the Children, the United Nations and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, and been a board member for Oxfam GB and the Catholic Agency for International Development (CAFOD). Hugo's research focuses on an analysis of the 21st century battlefield from outer space to intimate space and its implications for future humanitarian policy. It is commissioned and funded by the ICRC, British Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and German Red Cross. His latest books are Humanitarian Ethics: A Guide to the Morality of Aid in War and Disasters in 2015, which thinks through the applied ethics of humanitarian action, and Killing Civilians: Method, Madness and Morality in War in 2007, which analyses the causes and ethics of civilian suffering in war. In 2001, the MSc on Development and Emergency Practice at Oxford Brookes University, led by Hugo with Nabeel Hamdi, won a Queen's Prize for Higher Education for its 'exceptional innovation in the education of humanitarian professionals'.*

### York Panel

*Dr. Nergis Canefe (PhD, SJD) is a scholar trained in the fields of Political Philosophy, Forced Migration Studies and International Public Law with a special focus on human rights violations, forced migration and state criminality. She has*



*over twenty years of experience in carrying out in-depth qualitative research with displaced communities and teaching human rights in war-torn societies globally. Canefe joined York University in 2003 as a full-time faculty member at the departments of Politics, Public Policy and Law, and she also teaches at the graduate programs of Socio-Legal Studies and Social and Political Thought. Prior to her return to Canada, she worked at London School of Economics, UK and Bilgi University and Bogazici University, Turkey as a faculty member, and since taught in several other universities in visiting capacity including Shanghai University, China. Canefe published widely and acts as an expert witness and public lecturer on subjects related to human rights violations, forced migration, diasporas in exile, minority rights and genocide in international and Canadian media, courts, and public service. She has over 100 articles and six books, including Limits of Universal Jurisdiction in the Global South: A Critical Analysis of Crimes Against Humanity (forthcoming, University of Wales Press, International Law Series), Transitional Justice and Forced Migration (edited volume, Cambridge University Press), and The Jewish Diaspora as a Paradigm:*

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*Politics, Religion and Belonging* (edited volume, 2014, Libra Press – Jewish Studies Series). Her scholarly articles appeared in *Nations and Nationalism*, *Citizenship Studies*, *New Perspectives*, *Refugee Watch*, *Refuge*, *South East European Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Peace Review*, *Middle Eastern Law and Governance*, and, *Narrative Politics* as well as in several edited book volumes. She is also a visual artist and holds regular exhibitions.

Dr. Peter Timmerman is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change at York University in Toronto. He has been working on environmental issues for many years, including early publications on climate change (beginning in the 1980s), emergency and risk research, nuclear power, and the environmental impacts of war (especially a report on the first Gulf War), much of this while at the Institute for Environmental Studies at U. of T. He was co-chair of the Canadian NGO Earth Charter process for the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, a founder of the Canadian Coalition for Ecology, Ethics, and Religion (CCEER) and a member of the Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology (CFORE). He now works primarily on ecological economics, environmental philosophy and ethics, including religion and ecology; and has a special continuing research focus on Buddhism and environmental activism in South and Southeast Asia. He recently co-edited "Ecological Economics for the Anthropocene", a volume of papers on the ethical foundations of new economics.



## Webinar Organizer and Session Chair

Prof. David Etkin is a Professor of Disaster and Emergency Management at York University. He has contributed to several national and international natural hazard projects including the 2nd U.S. national assessment of natural hazards, the IPCC, was Principal Investigator of the Canadian National Assessment of Natural Hazards and is Past President of the Canadian Risk and Hazards Network. His main areas of research are disaster risk assessment and emergency management ethics. He has over 80 publications including a textbook on disaster theory and one on emergency management ethics.



## Agenda

9:30	David Etkin	Introduction
9:35	Hugo Slim	Humanitarian ethics: moral purpose and moral hazard
10:10	Q&A	
10:30	York Panel	Panel Comments
10:45	Q&A with panel	
11:00	David Etkin	Closing remarks

## Date/Time and Location

March 31, 2021

9:30 am-11:00 am EDT

Online

## Registration

Please register [here](#).