

# TRANSFORMATIVE DISASTER RISK GOVERNANCE

Monthly Newsletter



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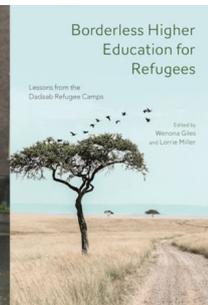
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## DRG highlights

### **BHER Speaker Series kicks off with book launch**

Building on the success of its inaugural speaker series, York University's Faculty of Education, Centre for Refugee Studies and Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) Project will co-sponsor a second -annual virtual colloquium with Windle International Kenya.



The first event of the series was a book launch for *Borderless Higher Education for Refugees: Lessons from the Dadaab Refugee Camps* (Bloomsbury Publishing, September 2021), co-edited by York University Professor **Emerita Wenona Giles** and Lorrie Miller. The **second event** of the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) Speaker Series, titled "BHER the MIC: A creative showcase by Dadaab youth" takes place Nov. 3.

### **Northern lakes warming six times faster in the past 25 years**

Lakes in the Northern Hemisphere are warming six times faster since 1992 than any other time period in the past 100 years, research led by York University has found. Researchers in the project, led by Faculty of Science Associate Professor **Sapna Sharma**, reassessed ice trends of 60 lakes for the first time since 2004 by studying ice phenology records ranging from 107 to 204 years old, dating from prior to the Industrial Revolution.





### **UNESCO Chair Charles Hopkins recognized with lifetime achievement award**

**Charles Hopkins**, York University's UNESCO Chair, received the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award for decades of dedicated engagement in reorienting education systems towards sustainable development as well as fostering cross-sector thinking connecting academia with business, industry, the arts and the general public towards a better future for all.



As one of the early advocates for place-based and experiential learning as a principal of outdoor schools in Canada during the 1970s and 1980s, his list of involvements is long. Since assuming the role of UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Education towards Sustainability at York in 1999, he has been co-ordinating global research networks, active in more than 50 countries.

### **Dr. Jude Kong talks about his research as the director of Africa-Canada Artificial Intelligence and Data Innovation Consortium**

York University has joined forces with epidemiologists, modelers, physicists, statisticians, software engineers and data scientists across Africa to integrate the power of predictive modelling and simulations with the capacity of a comprehensive COVID-19 monitoring dashboard (<http://www.covid19sa.org/>), which will be used to predict epidemic trends and inform decision-making and real-time management across Africa.

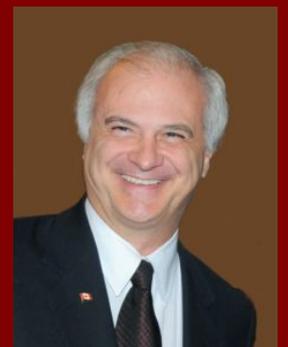


### **Organized Research Unit: Transformative Disaster Research Institute**

A proposal for the organized research unit titled "Transformative Disaster Research Institute" has been submitted to VPRI for consideration. The application, co-led by Faculty of Science and Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, is expected to have 49 inaugural members from 8 faculties, and there will be 8 Working Groups and several initiatives.

### **York instructor Mark Terry's new documentary to screen at COP26**

York University contract faculty member **Mark Terry**'s new documentary film, *The Changing Face of Iceland*, will screen at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, on Nov. 4.





# webinar

## International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, Oct 13, 2021

The international day for disaster risk reduction was established in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. On October 13, 2021, the Transformative Disaster Risk Governance team at York University held a webinar on the Benefits of modelling and data linkage to inform pandemic inequality and genomic epidemiology. For webinar recording and other resources please visit the [DRG website](#).

## Upcoming events

### Transformative Disaster Risk Governance Webinar Series

[CIFAL York](#) will be hosting the next Transformative Disaster Risk Reduction webinar titled "Unnatural Disasters & Disasters by Choice" on Dec 3, 2021, from 10AM-12PM. The webinar registration and information can be found [here](#).

### Glasgow Climate Change Conference

The COP 26 UN Climate Change Conference, hosted by the UK in partnership with Italy, will take place from 31 October to 12 November 2021 in the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow, UK. More information can be found [here](#).

## What is next?

The **DRG Webinar Series** will continue to take place every month featuring researchers at different career stages such as faculty, graduate students, post-docs and trainees.

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