



Call for Book Chapters

Earthquake risk perception, communication and mitigation strategies across Europe

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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that the third Call for Book Chapters of “Geographies of the Anthropocene” series is intended to become a collective volume entitled “Earthquake risk perception, communication and mitigation strategies across Europe” (Language: English).

Scope:

Increasing risks and socio-natural disasters are the effects of an unsustainable interaction between human beings and environment. The current scientific debate underlines that earthquake hazards do not only create damages and destruction but also show the difference vulnerabilities and exposures to risk to the societies. The capacities of a community to respond to earthquakes do not only depend on the emergency conditions created by the impact, but they are also correlated to the pre-disaster settings and circumstances. Therefore, the common perception, according to which human being are victims of the extreme nature events, is only partially true. Socio-natural disasters and even those related to earthquakes might even be the consequences of policy and political decisions.

From the agricultural revolution onwards, human beings have adjusted and shaped the earth to their own needs and comforts. Definitely, our quality of live, heath and habitat conditions have

improved. Our societies are leaving longer, better but this does not mean they are less exposed to risks and vulnerabilities. Actually, the territories are more and more affected by socio-natural disasters. The profound changes in environmental cycles has brought our societies into a new time and space: the geographies of the Anthropocene.

The book will aim to investigate how socio-natural risks are perceived and communicated and which strategies different communities are implementing to mitigate the seismic risk.

Different experiences and theoretical debate might help to understand how to prevent and protect communities from risk and hazard, however, as the issue is not easy to tackle, a multidisciplinary and cross-national approach is needed. Furthermore, given that the territory is the combination of natural, social and cultural environment, the only and best way through which it can be managed and protected is by exploring its anatomy and physiology. The most recent earthquakes have unequivocally shown the complexity of the phenomena and its multi-scale dynamics. It is then important for the scientific communities to encourage an interdisciplinary collaboration which can provide the general public with correct and clear information on the complex scenario.

The book will be partially the outcome of the discussion that took place in Malta at the 36th General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission, in the context of the Session S41; however, we are warmly welcoming other contributions that will enrich the debate.

Important Dates:

January 30, 2019: Book Chapter Proposal deadline;

February 15, 2019: Acceptance/Rejection Notification;

May 15, 2019: Full Chapter Submission;

July 15, 2019: Review notification;

October 15, 2019: Final version chapter submission;

November 2019: Final e-book version available.

Submission Procedure:

Interested authors should submit their proposals (max 500 words) by January 30, 2019, explaining the main topic and the objectives of the chapter. The manuscript proposals (Word or PDF) must be sent by email to the following address: geographiesofanthropocene@gmail.com. Acceptance/Rejection notification will be sent to the authors by February 15, 2019. After the acceptance notification, authors should submit full chapters by May 15, 2019 formatting their manuscripts following the Editor's guidelines:

<http://www.ilsileno.it/geographiesoftheanthropocene/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Editorial-Guidelines-Geographies-of-the-Anthropocene.pdf>.

The manuscript word count must be between 4500 - 6000 words. This includes tables, illustrations, references, etc. All submissions will be reviewed in a double-blind manner.