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**REVISITING DISASTER RISK GOVERNANCE:
OBSERVATION OF PROGRESS IN THEORY AND
PRACTICE.**

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Abstract

The use of Disaster Risk Governance (DRG) frameworks now turns ten years old. In his PhD thesis (2011), Dr. Lassa defined DRG as a ‘way society as a whole, regardless of the form of clear cut entities/units such as individual/household/district/country or networked agents/institutions, manages the full array of its disaster risks that may be triggered by geological hazards, climate change and hydro-meteorological hazards, conflict, and war risks.’

In this talk, Dr. Lassa will provide a brief overview of the use of DRG by disaster risk management academics and professionals in the last ten years, reflecting on the use of the term and identifying some merits and pitfalls of the DRG concept.

The speaker..



Dr. Jonatan Lassa is an interdisciplinary social scientist with an engineering background! He has been trained in the human and policy dimensions of disaster management research, civil engineering, development studies, environment and sustainable development, climate adaptation, food security, sociology of knowledge, humanitarian studies and network theory. He has been studying and working in the following countries: Germany, USA, Singapore, Indonesia, UK and Australia.

He has gained real-world professional experience, having worked with more than 30 international agencies, including third world NGOs, INGOs, United Nations organisations, private sector, think tanks and consulting industry, and academic organisations. He completed his PhD at the University of Bonn, Germany. He received two postdoc fellowships at Harvard Kennedy School (Harvard University) in 2011 and from the Institute of Catastrophe and Risk Management at Civil Engineering School at Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, in 2012. After a hiatus, he returned to a serious academic career in 2014, and since then, he has published more than 80 articles, including peer-reviewed book chapters and research reports. In addition, he has written more than 100 commentaries as well as op-eds in national and international outlets.

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