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5th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters

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Call for Applications to Participate

Deadline for submission of applications: 15 August 2016

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International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)
ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU ROAP)
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Target group:

The 5th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters (PIAD) is intended for:

- Researchers, educators, and practitioners from across the entire Asia-Pacific region, who have an academic background, primarily in psychology and affiliated fields, and who are interested and experienced in research work on psychosocial consequences of disasters and ways of science-based intervention
- Psychologists who work with particular target groups facing adversities of various kinds, such as families with children and adolescents,
- Young and early career research scientists from Asian-Pacific countries with interest in research on the impact of disasters

International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS):

IUPsyS is the internationally recognized umbrella organization of about 90 national scientific organizations of psychology worldwide. It works to promote the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science regionally, nationally, and internationally. The main activities of the IUPsyS focus on fostering the development of the science and practice of psychology. For further information see www.iupsys.net.

Location:

The Workshop will be sponsored by the International Research on Disaster Risk International Centre of Excellence (IRDR-ICoE) of The Academy located in Taipei, and organized by IUPsyS, the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU ROAP), with support from the Department of Psychology, University of the Philippines, Diliman, the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH), and the Chinese Psychological Society (CPS). It will be hosted by the University of the Philippines and will take place in the city of Manila. For information about Manila please visit <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines>.



Background to the workshop:

This year's workshop is the fifth in the series, after successful workshops in 2012, 2013 2014 and 2015. Reports on the earlier workshops can be found at <http://www.iupsys.net/events/capacity-building-workshops/index.html>.

The focus on the Asia and Pacific region is related to two important facts:

- First, the four billion inhabitants of the region form 60% of the world's population and 41% of the natural disasters around the world occur in this region, frequently causing extensive damage, loss of life, and severe hardship; and
- Second, the majority of countries in this region often lack an advanced infrastructure or responsive rescue systems, and help is typically concentrated on addressing physical and infrastructural devastation with less attention being paid to effects on individuals and groups, especially of psychological adversity.

People need help to deal with problems arising from the loss of close relatives, from significant property and/or environmental damage, from the effects of physical injury, and from other stressors, including the overarching effects of displacement. The effects on psychological health, which can be long-lasting, are known to vary with age and other demographic characteristics, reflecting differences in cognitive capabilities and other resources to deal with the challenges of a disaster. Here the concept of resilience is a potentially powerful asset in understanding responses to disaster: the degree of resilience to stressors depends on both social and individual factors within a particular region, so that it is important to be mindful of the cultural and regional context.

Workshop focus:

The workshop will use international basic and applied scientific expertise to enable researchers, educators and practitioners of psychological interventions in Asia and the Pacific region to gain a better understanding of the causes of mental health problems after regional disasters and improve the ability of victims to respond to their consequences. The focus will be on events that have a tremendous negative impact on large sections of the population in the affected area, such as natural catastrophes, technological failure, warfare or pandemics. The workshop will also address particular groups that have been relatively overlooked in this regard, such as families with children and adolescents



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In addition to focusing on the science needed to enhance the effect of psychological interventions in the Asia-Pacific region, the workshop will also aim at increasing the capacity for sustained basic and applied research in the Asia and the Pacific. Its main aims are to:

- Present participants with the most recent scientific knowledge relevant for evidence-based psychological intervention after disasters;
- Show the needs of particular groups, such as families with children and adolescents;
- Provide knowledge for future inclusion in academic programs of psychology;
- Help develop a regional network to support continuance in scientific research in mental health support following disasters.

The international experts presenting at the workshop will provide the latest insights on resilience against adversities in individuals and families, and how it can be strengthened. Beyond that the faculty represents expertise in the study of longer-term psychosocial consequences of disasters, and in the various ways to reduce disaster risk by intervention at the community level including the planning of a range of social policy measures. Based on past experience and recognizing deficits of training in research and evaluation methodologies, the workshop will emphasize research designs to analyze multi-level influences on disaster response and evaluate the effects of interventions, with special emphasis on investigations under realistic field conditions.

Exemplary studies on psychological consequences of disasters and evidence-based interventions will be presented by the faculty and discussed with the audience and in small groups. Participants will present their recent, on-going or planned research, with the aim of exchange with others and advice by faculty on how to improve the theoretical rationale and empirical design for clearer evidence on the problems studied. In addition, the organizers will encourage the establishment of mentoring relationships with faculty beyond the workshop.



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Convener:

Rainer K. Silbereisen, Research Professor, Director Center for Applied Developmental Science, University of Jena, Germany. Area of Interest: Development across the life-span in times of social and cultural change.

Faculty:

Klaus Boehnke, Professor of Social Science Methodology, Jacobs University, Germany. Area of Interest: Social and behavioral science methodology, cross-cultural psychology.

Yiqun Gan, Professor of Psychology, Peking University, China. Area of Interest: Coping with adversities and mental health.

Abigail Gewirtz, Professor of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota, USA, Area of Interest: Prevention and intervention research, trauma, resilience, parenting.

Joop de Jong, Professor of Cultural and International Psychiatry, VU University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Area of Interest: Public mental health for adults and children in humanitarian emergencies.

Douglas Paton, Professor of Psychology, Charles Darwin University, Australia. Area of Interest: All-hazards, cross cultural theories of disaster readiness, response, recovery and community intervention.

Motoaki Sugiura, Professor of Disaster-Related Cognitive Science, Tohoku University, Japan, Area of Interest: Brain mechanisms behind the relation between the self and environment, others, or society, and how this determines human behavior.



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How to apply for the Workshop

If you are interested in being considered for this workshop, please send the following documents to ICSU ROAP (secretariat@icsu-asia-pacific.org) without delay:

1. A completed application form; see attached;
2. Your full CV;
3. An abstract of the research you will present as poster at the workshop - you will be asked to make a short presentation of your poster followed by an intensive discussion. The abstract should be no more than 200 words.

Poster format can be found at <http://www.studentposters.co.uk/templates.html>

On the workshop it is important to use the opportunity for exchange ideas and receive advice on your research by faculty members. Should you be invited to participate, it is necessary to prepare a technical paper in advance, detailing the scientific background of your topic, hypotheses, sample and design, and planned analyses.

Send the above materials via email to: secretariat@icsu-asia-pacific.org or via fax: +60326917961 to be received no later than **15 August 2016**

Successful applicants will receive the following:

- Letter of Invitation: A formal letter of invitation from the host organization to participants to help obtain visas to attend the workshop;
- Support for Accommodation: Costs will be covered and accommodation will be provided in a hotel;
- Travel Costs: International (basic economy class or equivalent by the most direct route of applicants' work address) and local travel costs will be borne by the organizers.



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