



**HCRI ESRC Seminar, 26 February 2010
University Place 1.218, The University of Manchester**

Assessing humanitarianism: disaster and data dissemination

In covering this seminar the HCRI will adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to the evaluation of humanitarian aid. Exploring previous and current approaches we will review what various assessments entail, what they were aiming to measure, and highlight what these methodologies can reveal or conceal. Case studies will be utilised to provide a context for discussions; intended outputs include the development of a novel and robust methodology for assessing the impact of humanitarian aid.

Draft Programme

9.30	Professor Tony Redmond, Chair Welcome & overview
9.40	Professor Bertrand Taithe <i>Historical reflection on the cognitive processes and methods used in conflicts and natural disasters 1854 - 1880</i>
10.10	Professor Eric Noji <i>Data collections after major disasters (to include Haiti earthquake)</i>
11.10	Coffee
11.30	Professor Tony Redmond <i>The Chinese Earthquake 2008 and Haiti Earthquake 2010 – The relationship between emergency humanitarian assistance and development aid</i>
12.30	Lunch
13.45	Professor Steve Reyna <i>The qualitative in the quantitative: Iraqi and Darfurian civilian deaths, assessing the politics and morality of war</i>
14.30	Extended round table discussion chaired by Professor Tony Redmond Panel members to include: Dr Rony Brauman, Professor Eric Noji , Professor Tony Redmond, Professor Steve Reyna, Professor Bertrand Taithe Reflection from each panel member followed by debate around developing novel and robust assessment methodologies for the evaluation of humanitarian aid.
16.00	Masterclass for PhD/MA students Professor Eric Noji – assessing humanitarianism
17.00	Close

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