

## The Fourth Four Societies Conference

### “DISASTERS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW”

Warren Room (295 Boalt Hall)  
Berkeley Law, University of California  
28-29 September 2012

#### 28 SEPTEMBER 2012 (FRIDAY)

##### Keynote Address

“Disasters Without Borders: Issues of Scale in Disaster Law”

Daniel A. Farber

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##### Session 1: Theoretical Perspectives

Moderator: Craig Forcese, Professor, University of Ottawa

Toshiya Ueki, Professor, Tohoku University

“Natural Disasters and the Theory of International Law”

Imogen Saunders, Lecturer/Convenor, Australia National University

“International Disaster Relief Law and Article 38(1)(c) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice:

The Forgotten Source of International Law”

Emika Tokunaga, Ph.D. Candidate, Visiting Researcher, Osaka University

“Evolution of International Disaster Response Law: Towards Codification and Progressive Development of the Law”

##### Session 2: Local to Global: Law and Practice of International Disaster Response

Moderator: Yuji Iwasawa, Professor, University of Tokyo

Claire Clement, British Red Cross

“International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles: A Pragmatic Approach to Strengthening International Disaster Response Mechanisms”

Yukari Takamura, Professor, Nagoya University

“Release of Radioactive Substances into the Sea and International Law: Perspective from Japanese Experience in the Course of Nuclear Disaster”

Kirsten Nakjavani Bookmiller, Professor, Millersville University

“The International Law of 96 Hours: Urban Search and Rescue Teams and the Current State of International Disaster Response Law (IDRL)”

##### Session 3: Perspectives on Good Governance, Human Rights, and Disaster

Moderator: Elizabeth Andersen, Executive Director, ASIL

Ilario Maiolo, Canadian Red Cross

“Legal Framework Applicable to Humanitarian Actors Responding to Disasters in Weak and Fragile States”

Catherine Michelle Renshaw, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Sydney  
“Disasters, Despots and Gun-Boat Diplomacy”

Katie Sykes, J.S.D. Candidate, Dalhousie University  
“Hunger Without Frontiers: The Right to Food and State Obligations to Migrants”

**29 SEPTEMBER 2012 (SATURDAY)**

**Session 4: Anticipating: New Responses from State Actors to Disaster Prevention and Relief**

Moderator: David D. Caron, Professor, University of California at Berkeley

Paul Govind, Lecturer/Convenor, Macquarie University  
“Utilizing International Climate Change Adaptation Funding to Reduce Risks of Natural Disasters in the Developing World”

Brian R. Israel, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of State  
“Help from Above: The Role of International Law in Facilitating the Use of Outer Space for Disaster Management”

Amelia Telec, Australian Attorney-General’s Department  
“Challenges to State Sovereignty in the Provision of International Natural Disaster Relief”

**Lunch Address**

“Disasters, International Law and Disabilities”

Ms. Akiko Ito

Chief, Secretariat Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
United Nations Focal Point on Disability/DESA, United Nations

**Session 5: Anticipating: Transnational Actors in Disaster Prevention and Relief**

Moderator: Andrew C. Byrnes, Professor, University of New South Wales

Kentaro Nishimoto, Associate Professor, Tohoku University  
“The Role of International Organizations in Disaster Response: A Case Study of the Earthquake in Japan”

Ibironke T. Odumosu, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan  
“Taking Suffering Seriously’: International Investment Law and Disasters”

Douglas Alastair Cubie, Ph.D. Candidate, University College Cork  
“A Transnational Approach to Disaster Response: Interactions between National, Regional and International Frameworks for Humanitarian Assistance”

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