

## Call for Book Chapters

### *Natural hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction policies*

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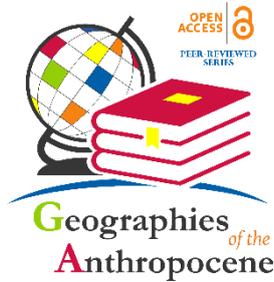
Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that the Association for Scientific Promotion “Il Sileno”, in collaboration with the Laboratory of Cartography of the Department of Languages and Educational Sciences - University of Calabria (Italy) publishes a book series entitled “*Geographies of the Anthropocene*”. The purpose of the book series is the discussion on the new processes of the Anthropocene epoch through the various worldviews of geoscientists and humanists, intersecting disciplines of Geosciences, Geography, Geoethics, Philosophy, Socio-Anthropology, Sociology of Environment and Territory, Psychology, Economics, Environmental Humanities and cognate disciplines.

The first *Call for Book Chapters* of “*Geographies of the Anthropocene*” is intended to become a collective volume entitled **Natural hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction policies**.

#### **Scope:**

Natural Hazard (NH) is a widely-used term from scientists, authorities, practitioners with the meaning of natural processes occurring in the environment that may constitute a damaging event for people. Human beings live in territorial ecosystems where natural events such as landslides, earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, floods, volcanic eruptions, droughts could occur. These events become “disasters” when they involve population causing widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses. Recent data collected from scientists show an increase in vulnerability of people that cannot be attributed only to an increase of the occurrence of extreme physical phenomena.



In fact, they are determined also by economic, social, cultural, institutional, political factors. Even if considerable progress has been made for understanding causes and processes related to the mentioned natural phenomena and their occurrence, further efforts need to be made for reducing disaster risk (DRR) - i.e. to reduce the damages caused by natural hazards with the complicity of the society. In particular, it is necessary: a) to reduce vulnerability of people and property, and the exposure to hazards; b) to promote sustainable management of land and the environment; c) to improve preparedness and early warning for adverse events; etc. In practice, it is necessary to activate a series of actions and strategies (policies) that involve, at different scales, every part of the society, the government, the professional and private sectors, the members of the academic community.

The expected contribution can be conceptual and empirical, by means of several methodologies that provide significant qualitative insights for the discussion about interdisciplinary approaches, also innovative, to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM). Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Vulnerability reduction;
- Prevention and population preparedness, community based approach;
- Risk communication and social perception;
- Adaptive capacity;
- New technologies for investigations of hazards and risk;
- Disaster governance;
- Sustainable management of land and environment.

### **Important Dates:**

*January 30, 2018:* Book Chapter Proposal deadline;

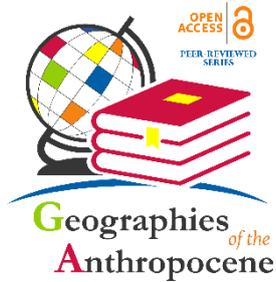
*February 15, 2018:* Acceptance/Rejection Notification;

*May 15, 2018:* Full Chapter Submission;

*July 15, 2018:* Review notification;

*October 15, 2018:* Final version chapter submission;

*November 2018:* Final e-book version available.



### **Submission Procedure:**

Interested authors should submit their proposals (max 500 words) by January 30, 2018, 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](mailto:geographiesofanthropocene@gmail.com).

Acceptance/Rejection notification will be sent to the authors by February 15, 2018.

After the acceptance notification, authors should submit full chapters by May 15, 2018 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.