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## Disasters in Popular Cultures

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### Unnatural Disasters and the Anthropocene: lessons learnt from anthropological and historical perspectives in Latin America

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#### Abstract

Historical and anthropological research associated with natural hazards, whether geological or hydro meteorological, has shown that the occurrence of “natural” disasters has increased as time goes by throughout centuries. But it has also shown that it has not been the result of a parallel increase in the presence of natural hazards. A continuous and persistent social construction of risk remains in its origins, as examples coming from different regions of the world can demonstrate. Observe them carefully in the *longuée-durée* and comparatively has allowed approaching conclusions related to questions like: do human beings have constructed risks that have really changed the planet? Have societies designed strategies to cope with natural and socio-natural risks and have left lessons learnt?

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