

# Advanced Course: Crisis, Recovery and Transitions

## Beijing, China, 13–19 October 2013

### Introduction

The past decade has seen a sharp increase in the number of countries affected by and recovering from large scale disasters, especially in the Asia Pacific region.

A parallel growth has also occurred in the number of professionals working in the fields of humanitarian assistance, post-crisis recovery and development.

Policymakers and practitioners face a myriad of challenges associated with countries in or emerging from complex emergencies. Yet rarely is there an opportunity to reflect on the critical concepts, practical challenges and policy dilemmas involved in supporting effective transitions.

The Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) at Tsinghua University are partnering to offer the second Advanced Course on Crisis, Recovery and Transitions.

The course is supported by the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) at the University of Canberra, Australia, and the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU) at the University of York, United Kingdom.

Over one week, this course aims to facilitate learning and guided reflection on these crucial issues and the dynamics professionals are subject to in the Asia Pacific region. Participants will engage in a participatory learning process that combines lectures with small group discussions and exercises, with the possibility of publishing an analytical piece.

### Date & logistics

The 2013 Advanced Course will take place from 13-19 October at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

Participants are responsible for their own travel to Beijing. On-site costs, including accommodation (full board), are included in the course fee.



### Participants

The course is targeted at mid-career and senior professionals with at least seven years' experience in humanitarian assistance, international development, post-crisis recovery, disaster management, foreign policy and/or the military.

Participants come from bilateral and multilateral policymaking and aid financing institutions, foreign ministries, the military, United Nations agencies, NGOs, research centres and private firms, including independent consultants.

### Content

The Advanced Course will revolve around five core themes:

- Key concepts: humanitarian action and post-crisis transitions
- International Humanitarian Law, International Disaster Response Law and protecting people in the aftermath of a disaster
- Emergency response in disasters: the role of national, regional and international actors, the private sector and national militaries
- China's emergency management: history, institutions and reform
- The governance of recovery

Leading experts will deliver presentations and lectures, with group discussions facilitated by HPG, SPPM, ANZSOG and PRDU staff.

Assignments are not required of participants. Participants, however, will be encouraged to draft an analytical piece. The strongest papers will be considered for publication in the Humanitarian Exchange (a publication of the Humanitarian Practice Network at ODI).



## How to apply

Download the [application form](#) and send it to [hpgadmin@odi.org.uk](mailto:hpgadmin@odi.org.uk)

Application deadline is: 15 August 2013. Selected participants will receive assistance for the visa application process.

## Fees

**Institutional participant: £2,500**  
A person employed and sponsored by a governmental, international or non-governmental organisation

**Individual participant: £2,000**  
A person self-employed, retired or unemployed, or paying his/her fees separate from an employer or sponsoring organisation.

Fees cover course tuition and materials, eight nights' accommodation (full board).

## Programme

REGISTRATION: Saturday, 12 October		
12:00 – 20:00	Arrival and registration National Institute of Emergency Management	Course staff
Day one: Sunday, 13 October		
08:30 – 09:30	Arrival and registration	Course staff
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome, introduction to SPPM and course overview	Dr. Sara Pantuliano and Prof. Lan Xue
10:00 – 12:00	Participants' introduction - reviewing experiences in emergency response	Dr. Sara Pantuliano and Prof. Lan Xue
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:30	Key concepts: Humanitarian action and post-crisis transitions	Dr. Sara Pantuliano Prof. Sultan Barakat
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Break</i>	
15:50 – 17:00	Key concepts: Humanitarian action and post-crisis transitions	Dr. Sara Pantuliano Prof. Sultan Barakat
Day two: Monday, 14 October		
08:30 – 10:00	Responding to emergencies in the international system	Oliver Lacey-Hall
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Break</i>	
10:20 – 12:00	Exercise: Responding to emergencies in the international system	Lilianne Fan Oliver Lacey-Hall
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Disaster Response Law and protecting people in the aftermath of a disaster	Vincent Cassard
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Break</i>	
15:20 – 17:00	Exercise: Protecting people in the aftermath of a disaster	Vincent Cassard
Day three: Tuesday, 15 October		
08:30 – 10:00	Emergency response in disasters: who leads?	Paul Porteous
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Break</i>	
10:20 – 12:00	Exercise: Emergency response in disasters: who leads?	Paul Porteous
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	The recovery process	Prof. Sultan Barakat
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>	
15:00 –	Visit to Xicheng District to examine community performance in disaster management	Tsinghua University scholars



**Day four: Wednesday, 16 October**

08:30 – 10:00	Crisis response in the Asia Pacific region: analysis of key trends	Tan Sri Dr. Jemilah Mahmood
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Break</i>	
10:20 – 12:00	The role of military actors	Prof. Fan Haojun
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 16:00	The role of regional organisations in crisis response in the Asia-Pacific region	Dr. William Sabandar
16:00	Visit to the National Commission for Disaster Reduction of the People's Republic of China	Tsinghua University scholars

**Day five: Thursday, 17 October**

*Day off; optional day trip*

**Day six: Friday, 18 October**

08:30 – 10:00	Case study: Emergency response management in China	Dr. Lan Xue
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Break</i>	
10:20 – 12:00	Case study: China's role in international emergency assistance	Dr. Zongchao Peng
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Group exercise: Bringing it all together	Course staff
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>	
15:30 – 17:00	Group exercise: Bringing it all together	Course staff

**Day seven: Saturday, 19 October**

08:30 – 10:00	Group presentations	Course staff
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Break</i>	
10:20 – 12:30	Group presentations	Course staff
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 16:30	Feedback session	Course staff
16:30 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Course staff

## Speaker biographies

### Dr. Sara Pantuliano

Head, Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG)



Dr. Sara Pantuliano is the Head of the Humanitarian Policy Group at ODI. She is a political scientist with extensive experience in conflict and post-conflict contexts. Prior to joining ODI,

Dr. Pantuliano led UNDP Sudan's Peacebuilding Unit, managed a high-profile post-conflict response in the Nuba Mountains and was a resource person and an observer at the IGAD Sudan peace process. She holds a PhD in Politics and has lectured at the University of Dar es Salaam. She has written extensively on Sudan and on humanitarian action and is a regular media commentator on these issues. Her current work focuses on underexplored dimensions of displacement, particularly the role of land in return and reintegration processes and displacement in urban contexts. She is the Editor of the journal *Disasters*.

### Professor Lan Xue

Dean, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University



A Cheung Kong Chaired Professor, Prof. Xue is also Director of the China Institute for S&T Policy and Deputy Director of the China Institute for Strategic Studies on Engineering and Technology

Development. Professor Xue serves as an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow of Brookings Institution. He is a member of the Expert Committee on Emergency Management of the State Council of China, Vice President of the China Association of Public Administration, Vice Chairman of the National Steering Committee for MPA Education, a member of the Visiting Committee for the Harvard Kennedy School, and a member of the Governing Board of the International Development Research Center (IDRC). Professor Xue is a recipient of the Fudan Distinguished Contribution Award for Management Science.

### Professor Sultan Barakat

Director, Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit



Professor Sultan Barakat (BSc University of Jordan, Amman, MA and DPhil University of York, UK) is the Founding Director of the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU). In 1996 he designed and launched the PRDU's

innovative Master's course in Post-war Recovery Studies. Professor Barakat is the Director of the FCO Senior Chevening Fellows Programme on Conflict Resolution, and has served as a Visiting and Guest Lecturer at a number of European and North American universities. He is also a Senior Adviser and Consultant to the UN, the World Bank, the European Union, Department for International Development, the International Labour Organisation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Dutch and Norwegian Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the United States Institute of Peace, the Higher Education Funding Council for England and a variety of governments and international non-governmental organisations including CARE and Tiri.

## Vincent Cassard

Deputy Head of Regional Delegation - Beijing at ICRC

Mr. Cassard's areas of expertise are negotiation and advocacy, analysis of complex geopolitical situations and policy drafting and leadership in strategic planning processes.

With the ICRC, Mr. Cassard has held the positions of Deputy Head of Operations - Middle East and North Africa, Head of Unit - US detention affairs, Head of Mission - Guantanamo Bay, Coordinator for Protection Activities/Delegate - (Moscow, Jerusalem, Kigali, Kabul, Sri-Lanka). Prior to working with ICRC, Mr. Cassard was Administrator and Head of Mission at Medecins Sans Frontières.

## Lilianne Fan

Research Fellow, HPG



Ms. Fan's areas of expertise include governance and institutional transformation in crisis and transition contexts; post-crisis livelihood recovery and land use;

civil-military coordination in disaster contexts. Prior to joining ODI, she served as a Housing, Land and Property Coordinator for the IASC Cluster System in Haiti, an Advisor to the ASEAN Special Envoy on Post-Nargis Recovery in Myanmar, a member of the advisory team of the Governor of Aceh on sustainable development, and a Senior Policy Coordinator for Oxfam International in Aceh and Nias. She has supported and advised Acehese humanitarian and refugee organisations since 1999. Ms. Fan holds a Master of Arts in Anthropology from Columbia University.

## Professor Fan Haojun

Chinese People's Armed Police Force



Professor Haojun is the MD, deputy chief physician, associate professor and master tutor of rescue medicine of Chinese People's Armed Police Force (CAPF). He is deputy director of the Affiliated Hospital of Logistics

College of CAPF, Deputy Director of the Rescue Institute of Medicine of CAPF, Vice-Captain of National Emergency Medical Rescue Team of CAPF, Vice-Captain of Chinese International Medical Rescue Team, Vice-President of the Pre-hospital Emergency Branch of China Medical Rescue Association, and Vice Chairman of the Youth Committee of the Disaster Medicine Branch of Chinese Medical Association. Professor Haojun has led the Chinese International Medical Rescue Team in the fight against SARS, the Indonesian tsunami, the Daxinganling fire and the Pakistan, Wenchuan, Yushu, Ya'an and Haiti earthquakes.

## Tan Sri Dr. Jemilah Mahmood

Founder, Mercy Malaysia



Dr. Mahmood is a medical professional, a Senior Fellow at Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Malaysia, and Senior Research Fellow at the Humanitarian Futures Programme, Kings College London.

She is an active member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team. Dr. Mahmood is on the boards of Humanitarian Accountability Partnership, Medecin du Monde and Teach for Malaysia. She is a council member of the ODI and chairs the Humanitarian Innovation Fund grants panel UK. Dr. Mahmood has received four royal awards in Malaysia, the East Asia Women's Peace Award from the Philippines, the prestigious 'Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award' from the USA and the Inaugural Laureate of the Isa Award for Services to Humanity.



## Oliver Lacey-Hall

Head, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UNOCHA



Mr. Lacey-Hall has 25 years experience in humanitarian work, with an initial focus on refugee issues followed by coordination and communications work, project and programme management.

He has held the position of Deputy Director of OCHA's Communications and Information Services Branch in New York. Previous work experience includes humanitarian coordination and response issues in China, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Iraq, Croatia, Armenia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN Development Programme, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the European Commission. He also managed the UN's Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team for Asia Pacific (2002 to 2005), was responsible for OCHA's surge capacity mechanisms.

## Professor Zongchao Peng

Director, Centre for Crisis Management Research, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University



Professor Peng is the Associate Dean on academic affairs and Professor in the Public Policy Institute.

Since 2003, he has been a council member of the Chinese Public Administration Association. He is a member of the National Expert Advisory Council for Public Health Incidents of the Ministry of Health of China. He was a visiting scholar at Harvard Kennedy School from 2006 – 2007 and received his PhD in Political Science from Peking University in 1999. His book on the public hearing system in China received an award from the Ministry of Education of China in 2007. He has published more than 60 papers in many influential Chinese and foreign academic journals and over 20 academic books.

## Paul Porteous

Director of Leadership Development and International Programs, ANZSOG



Mr. Porteous has worked as a senior diplomat and representative to the United Nations and International Court of Justice, and as a consultant in the United States, Southeast

Asia, Middle East, Europe and Africa. Mr. Porteous is a member of the Visiting Faculty at Harvard Kennedy School and previously a Fellow at Harvard's Center for Public Leadership where he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching. He was Senior Adviser to the President of Madagascar including about the development of the National Action Plan and disaster relief and recovery. In Australia, Mr. Porteous is Executive Director of the Centre for Social Leadership, developing innovative programs focused on social impact, cross-cultural relations and conflict management.



## Dr. William Sabandar

Special Assistant of the President of Indonesia's Delivery Unit



Dr. Sabandar is the Chief Operating Officer of the Indonesian Task Force for Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) and Special Assistant to the Head of the President's Delivery Unit (UKP4).

He was appointed as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of ASEAN for Post-Nargis Recovery in Myanmar and the Head of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force Operation from 2009-2010. Between 2005 and 2009, he was the Head of Nias Recovery at the Indonesian Agency for Post-Tsunami Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias (BRR Aceh-Nias). He completed his PhD at the University of Canterbury New Zealand. From 1991-2001, he worked under the Ministry of Public Works and was assigned as project manager for various transport projects in Indonesia.