



## **Risk and Disaster: A Historical Approach**

Swiss Re Centre for Global Dialogue  
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### **Draft Programme**

- 9.30 – 10.00**      **Registration**
- 10.00 – 10.15**      **Welcoming Address**  
Swiss Re Representative, Swiss Re, Zurich  
EABH Representative, EABH e.V., Frankfurt am Main
- 10.15 – 11.15**      **First Session: Risk and Disaster**  
Chair: Gerald D. Feldman, University of California, Berkeley
- Risk from Hammurabi to Transrapid*  
Rudolf Frei-Bischoff, Swiss Re, Zurich
- Earthquake of Lisbon, Voltaire & Rousseau*  
François Ewald, Conservatoire national des arts et métiers, Paris
- Q & A Session**
- 11.15 – 11.45**      **Coffee Break**
- 11.45 – 12.45**      **Second Session: Insurance and Risk**  
Chair: Niels-Viggo Haueter, Swiss Re, Zurich
- Towards a Disaster Theory: Multinational Insurers and the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*  
Robin Pearson, University of Hull
- Risk and Near Disaster: The Commercial Union's American Business in the 1980s*  
Terence Gourvish, London School of Economics
- Q & A Session**
- 12.45 – 14.15**      **Lunch**
- 14.15 – 15.15**      **Third Session: Natural and Man Made Disaster**  
Chair: Barbara Eggenkämper, Allianz, Munich
- Reaction Patterns and Major Earthquakes*  
Tilman Röder, University of Heidelberg
- Disaster Trends – Causes and Risks*  
Gerhard Berz, University of Munich
- Q & A Session**
- 15.15 – 17.00**      **Discussion and Concluding Remarks**
- 17.00 – 18.00**      **Cocktail**