

MINI COURSE

March 15 to 19, 2021 | 3:00-5:40pm | Vía ZOOM

Title: Climate change, disasters, and civil society: Identifying effective advocacy strategies to address climate crisis, recovery and build resiliency

1 Credit Hour

Description

Climate change is considered one of the great challenges of our time. Its impacts, including increase of amount and potency of climate related disasters, are threatening human well-being on a massive scale, while also being highly unequal both across and within societies. Given its environmental, political and social context, Puerto Rico is a significant case of study on policy and advocacy strategies needed to attend to climate crisis, disaster recovery and resilience building. With more than half the population of the islands under the poverty level, and with one of the highest indexes of inequality in the world, Puerto Rico has been categorized two years in a row as the place most affected by the climate crisis due to the damages caused by hurricanes Irma and María in 2017. From a global perspective, the Puerto Rico situation becomes an opportunity to effectively think about how addressing climate change, while continuing advances in well-being and protecting the poorest from bearing the costs, will require a huge effort from a range of actors across society: international organizations, national and local governments and civil society.

The course will be focused on climate impacts in Puerto Rico, a context in which the catastrophic, and highly unequal, impacts of climate change are easy to discern. The aims of this course are to bring together practitioners and students in order to gain an understanding of the core concepts relevant to the nexus of climate change, disasters and vulnerability, and the role of advocacy in addressing this crisis. This will include understanding the climate crisis as it is manifest at the global scale, but with a particular focus in Puerto Rico. In particular the course will leverage the unique insights of practitioners in thinking about the importance of civil society and advocacy in addressing the climate crisis.

Instructors:



Dr. Adi Martínez-Roman, J.S.D., is the Senior Policy Analyst – Puerto Rico for Oxfam América since June 2019. She holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs, a law degree from the University of Puerto Rico and received both her Masters of Law and Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Instituto Bartolomé de las Casas of the Universidad Carlos III of Madrid (Spain).



Dr. James Morrissey is a Senior Researcher on Energy, Climate and Poverty at Oxfam America. His current work is focused on understanding how to balance the array of issues at the nexus of energy, development and climate change, in order to inform

strategy and programming at Oxfam. James received his PhD and Masters in Development Studies from the University of Oxford. He has an undergraduate in Ocean and Atmosphere Science from the University of Cape Town. James has previously taught at a number of universities including: University of Cape Town, University of Oxford, University of Cape Coast (Ghana) and University College, Oslo.

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