

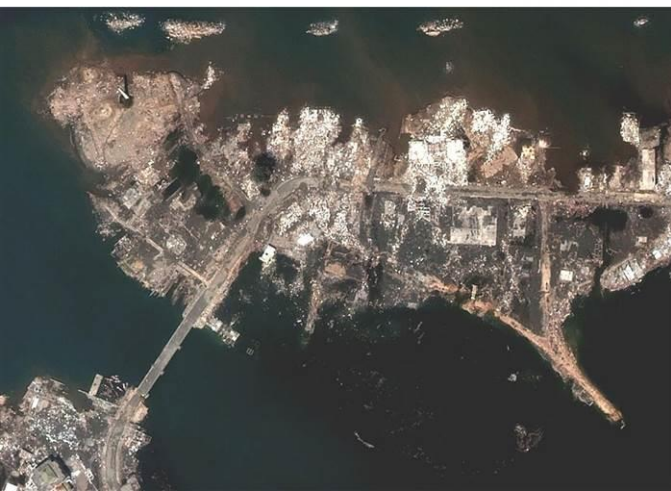


# Risk & Disaster

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## This course is about what it means to live in an age of risk.

Every day individuals, firms, and governments make decisions in conditions of uncertainty. As disasters appear to increase in frequency and impact, more and more public conversations center on risk.



How likely is a given hazard to occur? What will the impact be?

How do everyday perceptions of risk square with formal evaluations?

What shapes how people individually and collectively respond to risky situations?

How do people manage to know these things, and how do they contest risk knowledge?

We will explore the ways social scientists have worked to understand risk and social responses to it. Then we will examine disasters, their sources, and their implications.