



# Urban risk and disaster cultures

From 2015-2018 | Total budget € 50,000

With numerous Brazilian cities facing serious flood and landslide risks alongside periodic water scarcity crises, Crisis and Disaster Studies staff at the Sociology of Development and Change (SDC) group worked with the University of São Paulo (USP) and the Federal University of ABC in São Paulo on urban disaster, notably how to foster a 'disaster culture' in a socioeconomically deeply divided country that tends to respond to rather than prepare for entirely predictable disasters. The project resulted in large public and academic workshops in São Paulo and Blumenau, student exchange, as well as a book and published articles. The work was funded via a special visiting professorship under the CAPES 'Science without borders/Ciencia sem fronteiras' programme. Additional fieldwork was undertaken on disaster education, socio-environmental vulnerability, and the politics of (peri-)urban development in Nova Friburgo, within the Atlantic Forest biome.

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